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of Tyre.

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As also

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in the Birth and Life, of his Daughter

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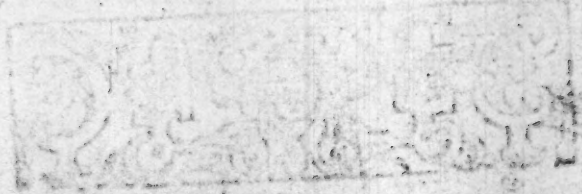
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# The Play of Pericles

Prince of Tyre, &c.

*Enter Gower.*



O sing a Song that old was sung,  
From ashes, auncient Gower is come,  
Assuming mans infirmities,  
To glad your eare, and please your eyes:  
It hath been sung at Feastivals,  
On Ember Eues, and Holy dayes :

And Lords and Ladies in their liues,  
Haue read it for restoratiues  
The purchase is to make men glorious,  
*Et bonum quo Antiquius eo melius:*  
If you borne in these latter times,  
When Wits more ripe, accept my Rimes;  
And that to heare an olde man sing,  
May to your wishes pleasure bring:  
I life would wish, and that I might  
Waste it for you like Taper-light.  
This *Antioch*, then, *Antiochus* the great,  
Built vp this Citie, for his chiefest Seat;  
The fairest in all *Syria*.

I tell you what my Authors say :  
This King vnto him tooke a Peere,  
Who dyed, and left a Female-heyre,  
So buck-some, blith, and full of face.  
As heauen had lent her all his grace :  
With whom the Father liking tooke,  
And her to Incest did prouoke :  
Bad child, worse father to intice his owne.

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To euill, should be done by none :  
But custome What they did begin,  
Was with long vse, account'd no sinne;  
The beautie of this sinfull Dame,  
Made many Princes thither frame,  
To seeke her as o Bed-fellow,  
In maryage pleasures, play-fellow:  
Which to preuent he made a Law,  
To keepe her still, and men in awe :  
That who so ask't her for his wife,  
His Riddle tolde not, lost his life :  
So for her many of wight did die,  
As yon grim lookes doe testifie.  
What now ensues to the iudgement of your eye,  
I giue my cause, who best can iustifie.

*Exit.*

*Enter Antiochus, Prince Pericles, and followers.*

*Ant.* Yong Prince of Tyre, you haue at large receiued  
The danger of the taske you vnder-take.

*Per.* I haue (*Antiochus*) and with a soule emboldned  
With the glory of her praise, thinke death no hazard,  
In this interprise.

*Ant.* Musicke, bring in our Daughter, clothed like a bride,  
For embracements euen of *Ioue* himselfe;  
At whose conception, till *Lucina* raigned,  
Nature this dowry gaue, to glad her presence,  
The Senate house of Planets all did sit,  
To knit in her, their best perfections.

*Enter Antiochus daughter,*

*Per.* See where she comes, appareled like the Spring,  
Graces her subiects, and her thoughts the King,  
Of euery Vertue giues renowne to men :  
Her face the booke of prayses, where is read,  
Nothing but curious pleasures, as from thence,  
Sorrow were euer raete, and teastie wrath  
Could neuer be her milde companion.

*You.*

You Gods that made me man, and sway in loue,  
That haue enflam'd desire in my breast,  
To taste the fruite of yon celestiall tree,  
(Or die in th'aduenture) be my helpes,  
As I am sonne and seruant to your will,  
To compasse such a bondlesse happinesse.

*Anti. Prince Pericles.*

*Peri.* That would be sonne to great *Antiochus*.

*Ant.* Before thee stands this faire *Hesperides*,  
With golden fruit, but dangerous to be toucht :  
For death like Dragons heere affright thee hard :  
Here face like Heauen, inticeth thee to view  
Her countlesse glory; which desert must gaine :  
And which without desert, because thine eye  
Presumes to reach, all the whole heape must die :  
Yon sometimes famous Princes, like thy selfe,  
Drawne by report, aduenturous by desire,  
Tell thee with speachlesse tongues, and semblance pale,  
That without couering, saue yon field of Starres,  
Heere they stand Martyrs slaine in *Cupids* Warres :  
And with dead cheekes aduise thee to desist,  
For going on deaths net, whom none resist.

*Per. Antiochus*, I thanke hee, who hath taught,  
My fraile mortalitie to know it selfe;  
And by those fearefull obieets to prepare  
This body, like to them, to what I must :  
For death remembred should be like a Myrrour,  
Who tels vs, life's but breath, to trust it errour :  
Ile make my Will then, and as sicke men doe,  
Who know the World, see Heauen, but feeling woe,  
Gripe not at earthly ioyes as earst they did;  
So I bequeath a happy peace to you,  
And all good men, as euery Prince should doe;  
My riches to the earth, from whence they came;  
But my vnspotted fire of Loue, to you :  
Thus ready for the way of life or death,  
I waite the sharpest blow (*Antiochus*)



Scorning aduice; read the conclusion then:  
Which read and not expounded, tis decreed,  
As these before thee, thou thy selfe shalt bleed.

*Daugh.* Of all sayd yet, mayst thou prooue prosperous:  
Of all sayd yet, I wish thee happinesse.

*Peri.* Like a bold Champion I assume the Listes,  
Nor aske aduise of any other thought,  
But faythfulnesse and courage.

The Riddle.

I am no Viper, yet I feed  
On mothers flesh which did me breed:  
I sought a husband, in which labour,  
I found that kindnesse in a father;  
Hee's Father, Sonne, and Husband milde;  
I, Mother, Wife, and yet his childe:  
How they may be, and yet in two,  
As you will line resoue it you

Sharpe Phisicke is the last: but ô you powers!  
That giues heauen countlesse eyes to view mens actes.  
Why cloude they not their sights perpetually,  
If this be true, which makes me pale to read it?  
Fairst Glasse of light, I lou'd you and could still,  
Were not this glorious Casket stor'd with ill:  
But I must tell you, now my thoughts reuolt,  
For hee's no man on whom perfections waite,  
That knowing sinne within, will touch the gate;  
You are a faire Violl, and your sense, the stringes,  
Who finger'd to make man his lawfull musicke,  
Would draw Heauen downe, and all the Gods to hearken:  
But being playd vpon before your tyme,  
Hell onely daunceth at so harsh a chime:  
Good sooth, I care not for you.

*Ant.* Prince *Pericles*, touch not, vpon thy life;  
For that's an Article within our Law,  
As dangerous as the rest: your time's expir'd,  
Either expound now, or receiue your sentence.

*Peric.*

*Peri.* Great King,

Few loue to heare the sinnes they loue to act,  
T'would brayde your selfe too neare for me to tell it:  
Who has a Booke of all that Monarches doe,  
Hee's more secure to keepe it shut, then showne:  
For Vice repeated, is like the wandring Wind,  
Blowes dust in others eyes to spread it selfe;  
And yet the end of all is bought thus deare,  
The breath is gone, and the sore eyes see cleare:  
To stoppe the Ayre would hurt them, the blind Mole castes  
Copt hilles towards heauen, to tell the earth is throng'd  
By mans oppression, and the poore Worme doth die for't:  
Kings are earths Gods; in vice, their law's their will:  
And if *loue* stray, who dare say, *youe* doth ill.  
It is enough you know, and it is fit,  
What being more knowne, growes worse, to smother it.  
Ail loue the wombe that their first beeing bred,  
Then giue my tongue like leaue, to loue my head. (ning:

*Ant.* Heauen, that I had thy head; he ha's found the mea-  
But I will gloze with him. Young Prince of *Tyre*,  
Though by the tenour of your strict edict,  
Your exposition misinterpreting,  
We might proceed to counsell of your dayes;  
Yet hope, succeeding from so faire a tree  
As your faire selfe, doth tune vs otherwise;  
Fourtie dayes longer we doe respite you,  
If by which time, our secret be vndone,  
This mercie shewes, wee'le ioy in such a Sonne:  
And vntill then, your entertaine shall bee  
As doth besit our honour, and your worth.

*Manet Pericles solus.*

*Peri.* How courtesie would seeme to couer sinne;  
When what is done, is like an hipocrite,  
The which is good in nothing but in sight.  
If it be true that I interpret false,  
Then were it certaine you were not so bad,  
As with foule Incest to abuse your soule:

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Where now you both a Father and a sonne,  
By your vntimely claspings with your child,  
(Which pleasures fits an husband not a father)  
And she an eater of her mothers flesh,  
By the defiling of her parents bed,  
And both like Serpents are, who though they feed  
On sweetest Flowers, yet they poison breed.

*Antioch* farewell, for wisdom sees those men  
Blush not in actions blacker then the night,  
Will shew no course to keepe them from the light:  
One sinne (I know) another doth prouoke,  
Murder's as neere to lust, as flame to smoke:  
Poyson and treason are the hands of sinne,  
I, and the Targets to put off the shame,  
Then least my life be cropt to keepe you cleare,  
By flight, Ile shun the danger which I feare.

*Exit.*

*Enter Antiochus.*

*Anti.* Hee hath found the meaning,  
For which we meane to haue his head.  
He must not liue to trumpet forth my infamie,  
Nor tell the World *Antiochus* doth sinne  
In such a loathed manner:  
And therefore instantly this Prince must die,  
For by his fall, my honour must keepe hie.  
Who attends vs there?

*Enter Thaliard.*

*Thal.* Doth your Highnesse call?

*Anti.* *Thaliard*, you are of our Chamber, *Thaliard*,  
And our minde pertakes her priuate actions  
To your secrecie, and for your faithfulnessse  
We will aduance you, *Thaliard*:  
Behold, heer's poison, and heer's gold:  
We hate the Prince of *Tyre*, and thou must kill him;  
It fits thee not to aske the reason why?  
Because we bid it: say, is it done?

*Thal.* My Lord, tis done.

*Enter*



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Enter a Messenger.*

*Ant.* Enough. Let your breath coole your selfe, telling your haste.

*Mess.* My Lord, Prince *Pericles* is fled.

*Ant.* As thou wilt liue flie after, and like an arrow shot from a well experient Archer hits the marke his eye doth leuell at : so thou neuer returne vnlesse thou say Prince *Pericles* is dead.

*Thal.* My Lord, if I can get him within my Pistols length, Ile make him sure enough, so farewell to your highnesse.

*Tnalhard* adieu, till *Pericles* be dead,  
My heart can lend no succour to my head.

*Exit.*

*Enter Pericles with his Lords.*

*Pe.* Let none disturb vs; why should this chage of thoughts  
The sad companion dull eyde melancholy,  
By me so vs'de a guest as not an houre,  
In the dayes glorious walke or peacefull night,  
The tombe where griefe should sleepe can breed me quiet,  
Here pleasures court mine eies, and mine eies shun them,  
And daunger which I feard is at *Antioch*,  
Whose arme seemes farre too short to hit me here,  
Yet neither pleasures Art can ioy my spirits,  
Nor yet the others distance comfort me:  
Then it is thus, that passions of the minde,  
That haue their first conception by misdread,  
Haue after nourishment and life by care;  
And what was first but feare, what might be done,  
Growes elder now, and cares it be not done.  
And so with me, the great *Antiochus*,  
Gainst whom I am too little to contend,  
Since hee's so great, can make his will his act,  
Will thinke me speaking, though I sweare to silence,  
Nor bootes it me to say I honour,  
If he suspect I may dishonour him.

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And what may make him blush in being knowne,  
Heele stop the course by which it might be knowne,  
With hostile forces heele ore-spread the land,  
And with the stint of warre will looke so huge,  
Amazement shall drive courage from the state :  
Our men be vanquisht, ere they doe resist,  
And subiects punish't that nere thought offence,  
Which care of them, not pittie of my selfe,  
Who once no more but as the tops of trees,  
Which fence the rootes they grow by and defend them,  
Makes both my body pine, and soule to languish,  
And punish that before that he would punish,

*Enter all the Lords to Pericles.*

1. Lord. Ioy and all comfort in your sacred breast.

2. Lord. And keepe your minde till you returne to vs  
peacefull and comfortable.

*Hel.* Peace, peace, and giue experience tongue :  
They doe abuse the King that flatter him,  
For flatterie is the bellows blowes vp sinne,  
The thing the which is flattered, but a sparke,  
To which that sparke giues heart, and stronger  
Glowing, whereas reproofe obedient and in order,  
Fits kings as they are men, for they may erre,  
When *signiour* sooth here does proclaime peace,  
Hee flatters you, makes warre vpon your life.  
Prince pardon me, or strike me if you please,  
I can not be much lower then my knees.

*Per.* All leaue vs else : but let your cares ore-look  
What shipping, and what ladings in our Hauen,  
And then returne to vs, *Helicanus* thou hast  
Moou'd vs : what seest thou in our looks?

*Hel.* An angrie brow, dread Lord.

*Per.* If there be such a dart in Princes frownes,  
How durst thy tongue moue anger to our face?

*Hel.* How dares the planets looke vp to heauen,

From

From whence they haue their nourishment?

*Per.* Thou knowest I haue power to take thy life from

*Hell.* I haue ground the Axe my selfe, (thee.

Doe but you strike the blowe.

*Per.* Rise, prethee rise, sit downe, thou art no flatterer,  
I thanke thee for't, and heauen forbid,

That Kings should let their eares heare their faults hid.

Fit Counsellor, and seruant for a Prince,

Who by thy wisdom makes a Prince thy seruant,

What wouldst thou haue me doe?

*Hell.* To beare with patience such griefes, as you your  
selfe doe lay vpon your selfe.

*Per.* Thou speakest like a Physition *Hellianus*,

That ministers a portion vnto me,

That thou wouldst tremble to receiue thy selfe.

Attend me then, I went to *Antioch*,

Where as thou know'st (against the face of death)

I sought the purchase of a glorious beautie,

From whence an issue I might propagate

Are armes to Princes, and bring ioyes to subiects:

Her face was to mine eye beyond all wonder,

The rest (harke in thine eare) as blacke as incest,

Which by my knowledge found, the sinfull father

Seem'de not to strike, but smooth: but thou knowst this,

Tis time to feare, when Tyrants seeme to kisse.

Which feare so grew in me I hither fled,

Vnder the couering of a carefull night,

Who seem'd my good Protector: and being here,

Bethought what was past, what might succeed;

I knew him tyrannous, and Tyrants feare

Decrease not, but grow faster then the yeares:

And should he doo't as no doubt he doth,

That I should open to the listning ayre,

How many worthy Princes bloods were shed,

To keepe his bed of blacknesse vnlayd ope,



To lop that doubt, hee'le fill this Land with armes,  
And make pretence of wrong that I haue done him,  
When all for mine, if I may call offence,  
Must feele warres blow, who feares not innocence:  
Which loue to all of which thy selfe art one,  
Who now reproc'dst me fort,

*Hell.* Alas sir.

*Per.* Drew sleepe out of mine eies, blood frō my cheeks  
Musings into my minde, with thousand doubts  
How I might stop this tempest ere it came,  
And finding little comfort to releiue them,  
I thought it princely charitie to grieue for them.

*Hell.* Well my Lord, since you haue giuen mee leaue to  
Freely will I speake,, *Ammochus* you feare (speake,  
And iustly too, I thinke you feare the Tyrant,  
Who either by publike warre, or priuate treason,  
will take away your life: therefore my Lord, goe trauell for  
a while, till that his rage and anger be forgot, or till the De-  
stinies doe cut his threed of life: your Rule direct to any,  
if to me, day serues not light more faithfull then Ile be.

*Per.* I do not doubt thy faith.

But should he wrong my liberties in my absence?

*Hell.* Weele mingle our bloods together in the earth,  
From whence we had our being, and our birth.

*Per.* Tyre, I now looke from thee then, and to *Tharsus*  
Intend my trauaile, where Ile heare from thee;  
And by whose letters Ile dispose my selfe.  
The care I had, and haue of Subiects good,  
On thee I lay, whose wisdomes strength can beare it,  
Ile take thy word for faith, not aske thine oath,  
Who shuns not to breake one, will cracke both.  
But in our orbs we liue so round, and safe,  
That time of both this trueth shall neere conuince,  
Thou shewest a subiects shine, I a true Prince.

*Exit.*

*Enter*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Enter Thaliard solus,*

So, this is Tyre, and this the Court, heere must I kill king  
*Pericles*, and if I doe it not, I am sure to be hang'd at home:  
t'is dangerous.

Well, I perceiue he was a wise fellow, and had good discretion, that beeing bid to aske what he would of the King, desired he might know none of his secrets.

Now doe I see he had some reason for t' for if a King bid a man be a Villaine, hee's bound by the indenture of his oath to be one.

Huiht, here comes the Lords of Tyre.

*Enter Helicanus. Escanes, with  
other Lords.*

*Hell.* You shall not neede my fellow-Peers of Tyre, further to question mee of your Kings departure: his sealed Commission left in trust with mee, does speake sufficiently hee's gone to trauaile.

*Thaliard.* How? the King gone?

*Hell.* If further yet you will be satisfied, (why as it were vnlicenced of your loues) he would depart? Ile giue some light vnto you, beeing at *Antioch*.

*Tha.* What from *Antioch*?

*Hell.* Royall *Antiochus* on what cause I knowe not, tooke some displeasure at him, at least hee iudg'd so: and doubting least he had err'd or sinn'de, to shew his sorrowe, hee'de correct himselfe; so puts himselfe vnto the Shipmans toyle, with whom eache minute threatens life or death.

*Thaliard.* Well, I perceiue I shall not bee hang'd now, although I would, but since hee's gone, the Kings Seas must please: hee scap't the Land to perish at the Sea: Ile present my selfe. Peace to the Lords of Tyre.

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Lord *Thaliard* from *Antiochus* is welcome.

*Thal.* From him I come with message vnto Princely *Pericles*, but since my landing I haue vnderstood, your Lord has betooke himselfe to vnknowne trauailes, now message must returne from whence it came.

*Hell.* We haue no reason to desire it, commended to our Maister, not to vs, yet ere you shall depart, this we desire as friends to *Antioch*, we may feast in *Tyre*. *Exeunt.*

*Enter Cleon the Gouvernour of Tharsus,  
with his wife and others.*

*Cleon.* My *Dioniza* shall we rest vs heere,  
And by relating tales of others griefes,  
See if it will teach vs to forget our owne?

*Dion.* That were to blow at fire in hope to quench it,  
For who digs hilles because they doe aspire?  
Throwes downe one mountaine to cast vp a higher:  
O my distressed Lord, euen such our griefes are,  
Here they are but felt, and scene with mischiefes eyes,  
But like to Groues being topt, they higher rise.

*Cleon.* O *Dioniza*,  
Who wanteth food, and will not say he wants it,  
Or can conceale his hunger till hee famish?  
Our tongues and sorrowes doe sound deepe:  
Our woes into the aire, our eyes to weepe.  
Till tongues fetch breath that may proclaime  
Them louder, that if heauen slumber, while  
Their creatures want, they may awake  
Their helpers, to comfort them.  
He then discourse our woes felt seuerall yeares,  
And wanting breath to speake, helpe mee with teares.

*Dion.* He do my best Sir.

*Cleon.* This *Tharsus*, or e which I haue the Gouvernment,  
A Citie on whom plentie held full hand:  
For riches strew'de her selfe euen in her streets,

Whose



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Whose towers bore-heads so high they kist the clowdes,  
And strangers nere beheld, but woundred at,  
Whose men and dames so jetted and adorn'de,  
Like one anothers glasse to trimme them by :  
Their tables were stor'd full to glad the sight,  
And not so much to feede on as delight,  
All pouertie was scorn'd, and pride so great,  
The name of helpe grew odious to repeate.

*Dion.* O t'is too true.

*Cleon.* But see what heauen can doe by this our change :  
These mouthes who but of late, earth, sea, and ayre,  
Were all too little to content and please,  
Although they gaue their creatures in abundance :  
As houses are defil'de for want of vse,  
They are now staru'de for want of exercise:  
Those pallats who not yet too sauers yonger,  
Must haue inuentions to delight the taste,  
Would now be glad of bread and beg for it:  
Those mothers who to nouzell vp their Babes,  
Thought nought too curious, are readie now  
To eate those little darlings whom they lou'de,  
So sharpe are hungers teeth, that man and wife,  
Draw lots who first shall die to lengthen life.  
Heere stands a Lord, and there a Ladie weeping :  
Heere many sinke, yet those which see them fall,  
Haue scarce strength left to giue them buryall.  
Is not this true ?

*Dion.* Our cheekes and hollow eyes doe witnesse it.

*Cleon.* O let those Cities that of plenties cup,  
And her prosperities so largely taste,  
With their superfluous ryots heare these teares,  
The miserie of *Tharsus* may be theirs.

*Enter a Lord.*

*Lord.* Where's the Lord Gouvernour ?

*Cleon.* Here, speake out thy sorrowes, which thee bring't  
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in haste, for comfort is too farre for vs to expect.

*Lord.* Wee haue descried vpon our neighbouring shore, a portly saile of ships make hitherward.

*Cleon.* I thought as much.

One sorrow neuer comes but brings an heire,  
That may succeed as his inheritor :  
And so in ours; some neighbouring nation,  
Taking aduantage of our miserie,  
That stuff't the hollow vessels with their power,  
To beat vs downe the which are downe already,  
And make a conquest of vnhappy me,  
Whereas no glories got to ouercome.

*Lord.* That's the least feare.

For by the semblance of their white flagges displayde, they bring vs peace, and come to vs as fauourers, not as foes.

*Cleon.* Thou speak'st like hymnes vntuter'd to repeat,  
Who makes the fairest shew, meanes most deceipt.

But bring they what they will, and what they can,  
What need we leaue our grounds the lowest ?

And wee are halfe way there : Goe, tell their Generall wee attend him here, to know for what he comes, and whence he comes, and what he craues ?

*Lord.* I goe my Lord.

*Cleon.* Welcome is peace, if he on peace consist;  
If warres, we are vnable to resist.

*Enter Pericles With attendants.*

*Per.* Lord Gouvernour, for so we heare you are,  
Let not our ships and number of our men,  
Be like a Beacon fier'd, t'amaze your eyes,  
Wee haue heard your miseries as farre as Tyre,  
And scene the desolation of your streets,  
Nor come we to adde sorrow to your teares,  
But to releiue them of their heauie load,  
And these our shippes you happily may thinke,

*Are*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Are like the Troian horse, was stufte within  
With bloody veines expecting ouerthrow,  
Are stor'd with come, to make your needy bread,  
And giue them life, whom hunger-staru'd halfe dead.

*Omnes.* The Gods of *Greece* protect you,  
And weel'e pray for you.

*Per.* Arise I pray you, arise; we do not looke for reuerence  
but for loue, and harborage for our selfe, our ships, and men.

*Clon.* The which when any shall not gratifie,  
Or pay you with vnthankfulnessse in thought,  
Be it our wiues, our children or our selues,  
The curse of heauen and men succeed their euils :  
Till when, the which (I hope) shall nere be seene :  
Your Grace is welcome to our Towne and vs.

*Per.* Which welcome weel'e accept, feast here awhile,  
Vntill our Starres that frowne, lend vs a smile. *Exeunt.*

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*Enter Gower.*

Heere haue you seene a mightie King,  
His child I'wis to incest bring:  
A better Prince and benigne Lord,  
That will prooue awfull both in deed and word.  
Be quiet then, as men should be,  
Till he hath past necessitie :  
He shew you those in troubles raigne;  
Loosing a Mite, a Mountaine gaine :  
The good in conuersation,  
To whom I giue my benizon :  
Is still at *Thar still*, where each man,  
Thinks all is write he spoken can :  
And to remember what he does,  
Build his Statute to make him glorious :  
But tidings to the contrary,  
Are brought your eyes, what need speake I.

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*Dumbe*



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*Dumbe shew.*

*Enter at one dore Pericles talking with Cleon, all the Traine with them: Enter at another dore, a Gentleman with a Letter to Pericles; Pericles shewes the Letter to Cleon; Pericles giues the Messenger a reward, and Knights him.*

*Exit Pericles at one dore, and Cleon at an other.*

Good *Hellicon* that stayd at home,  
Not to eate hony like a Drone,  
From others labours; for though he striue  
To killen bad, keepe good aliue:  
And to fulfill his Prince desire,  
Sau'd one of all that happes in *Tyre*:  
How *Thaliara* came full bent with sinne,  
And hid intent to murder him;  
And that in *Tharsis* was not best,  
Longer for him to make his rest:  
He doing so, put foorth to Seas;  
Where when men been, there's seldome ease,  
For now the Wind begins to blow,  
Thunder aboue, and deepes below,  
Makes such vnquiet, that the ship,  
Should house him safe; is wrackt and split;  
And he (good Prince) hauing all lost,  
By Waues, from coast to coast is tost:  
All perishe of man of pelfe,  
Ne ought escapen'd but himselfe;  
Till fortune tyr'd with doing bad,  
Threw him a shore, to giue him glad:  
And heere he comes: what shall be next,  
Pardon old *Gower*, this long's the text.

*Enter Pericles wette.*

*Per.* Yet cease your ire, you angry Starres of heauen,  
Wind, Raine, and Thunder: remember earthly man  
Is but a substance that must yeeld to you:  
And I (as fits my nature) do obey you.

*Alasse*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Alasse, the Seas hath cast me on the Rocks,  
Washt me from shore to shore, and left my breath  
Nothing to thinke on, but ensuing death:  
Let it suffice the greatnes of your powers,  
To haue bereeft a Prince of all his fortunes;  
And hauing throwne him from your watry graue,  
Heere to haue death in peace, is all hee'le craue.

*Enter three Fisher-men.*

1. What, to pelch?

2. Ha, come and bring away the Nets.

1. What Patch-breech, I say?

3. What say you Maister?

1. Looke how thou stirr'st now:

Come away, or Ile fetch'th with a wanion.

3. Faith Maister, I am thinking of the poore men,  
That were cast away before vs, euen now.

1. Alasse poore soules, it greiued my heart to heare  
What pittifull cryes they made to vs, to helpe them,  
When (welladay) we could scarce helpe our selues.

3. Nay Maister, sayd not I as much,  
When I saw the Porpas, how he bounst and tumbled?  
They say, they're halfe fish, halfe flesh:  
A plague on them, they neere come but I looke to be washt.  
Maister, I maruell how the fishes liue in the Sea?

1. Why as men doe a land;  
The great ones eat vp the little ones:  
I can compare our rich Misers, to nothing so fitly,  
As to a Whale; a playes and tumbles  
Driuing the poore Fry before him,  
And at last, deuoure them all at a mouthfull:  
Such Whales haue I heard on a'th land,  
Who neuer leaue gaping, till they swallow'd  
The whole Parish, Church, Steeple, Belles and all.

*Per.* A prettie Morall.

3. But Maister, if I had been the Sexton,  
I would haue beene that day in the Belfrie.

2. Why, Man?

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1. Because

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1. Because he should haue swallowed me too,  
And when I had been in his bellie,  
I would haue kept such a gangling of the Belles,  
That he should neuer haue left,  
Till he cast Balls, Steeple, Church and Parish vp againe :  
But if the good King *Simonsides* were of my minde.

*Per. Simonsides ?*

3. We would purge the land of these Drones,  
That robbe the Bee of her hony.

*Per.* How from the fenny subiect of the Sea,  
These Fishers tell the infirmities of men,  
And from their watry Empire recollect,  
All that may men approoue or men detect.  
Peace be at your labour honest fishermen.

2. Honest, good fellow what's that, if it be a day fits you  
Search out of the Kalender, and no body looke after it?

*Per.* May see the Sea hath cast vpon your coast :

2. What a drunken Knaue was the Sea,  
To cast thee in our way ?

*Per.* A man whom both the Waters and the Winde,  
In that vaste Tennis-court, hath made the Ball  
For them to play vpon, intreats you pittie him :  
He askes of you that neuer vs'd to begge.

1. No friend, cannot you begge ?  
Heer's them in our countrey of *Greece*,  
Gets more with begging, then we can doe with working.

2. Canst thou catch any Fishes then ?

*Per.* I neuer practiz'de it.

2. Nay then thou wilt starue sure : for heer's nothing' to  
be got now-adayes, vnlesse thou canst fish for't.

*Per.* What I haue beene I haue forgot to know;  
But what I am, want teaches me to thinke on :  
A man throng'd vp with colde, my veines are chill,  
And haue no more of life then may suffize,  
To giue my tongue that heat to aske your helpe :  
Which if you shall refuse, when I am dead,  
For that I am a man, pray you see me buryed.



*Pericles Prince of Tyro.*

1. Die, ke-tha; now Gods forbi d't, and I haue a Gowne heere, come put it on, keepe thee warme : now afore mee a handsome fellow : Come, thou shalt goe home, and weel'e haue Flesh for all day, Fish for fasting-dayes and more; or Puddings and Flap-iacks, and thou shalt be welcome.

*Per.* I thanke you sir.

2. Harke you my friend : You said you could not beg?

*Per.* I did but craue.

2. But craue?

Then Ile turne crauer too, and so I shall scape whipping.

*Per.* Why, are you Beggers whip't then?

2. Oh not all, my friend, not all : for if all your Beggers were whipt, I would wish no better office, then to be Beadle: But Maister, Ile goe draw vp the Net.

*Per.* How well this honest mirth becomes their labour?

1. Harke you sir, doe you know where ye are?

*Per.* Not well.

1. Why I tell you, this is cal'd *Pantapoles*,  
And our King, the good *Symonides*.

*Per.* The good *Symonides*, doe you call him?

1. I sir; and he deserues so to be cal'd,  
For his peaceable raigne, and good gouernement.

*Per.* He is a happie King, since he gaines from  
His subiects the name of good, by his gouernment.  
How farre is his court distant from this shore?

1. Mary sir, halfe a dayes iourney : And Ile tell you,  
He hath a faire Daughter, and to morrow is her birth-day,  
And there are Princes and Knights come from all partes of  
the World, to Iust and Turney for her loue,

*Per.* Were my fortunes equall to my desires,  
I could wish to make one there.

1. O sir, things must be as they may: and what a man can  
not get, he may lawfully deale for his Wiues soule.

*Enter the two Fisher-men, drawing up a Net.*

2. Helpe Maister helpe; heere's a Fish hangs in the Net,  
Like a poore mans right in the law : t'will hardly come out.  
Habots on't, tis come at last ; & tis tur'nd to a rusty Armor.

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*Per.* An Armour friends; I pray you let me see it?  
Thankes Fortuue, yet that after all Crosses,  
Thou giuest me somewhat to repayre my selfe:  
And though it was mine owne part of my heritage,  
Which my dead father did bequeath me,  
With this strict charge, euen as he left his life:  
Keepe it, my *Pericles*. it hath been a sheild  
Twixt me and death; and pointed to this Brayse,  
For that it saued me, keepe it in like necessitie:  
The which the Gods protect thee, Fame may defend thee:  
It kept where I kept, I so dearly lou'd it,  
Till the rough Seas (that spares not any man)  
Tooke it in rage, though calm'd, hath giuen't againe:  
I thanke thee for't, my ship-warke now's no ill,  
Since I haue here my father gaue in his Will.

1. What meane you sir?

*Per.* To begge of you (kind friends) this Coate of worth,  
For it was sometime Target to a King;  
I know it by this marke: he loued me dearly,  
And for his sake, I wish the hauing of it:  
And that you'd guide me to your Soueraignes Court,  
Where with it, I may appeare a Gentleman:  
And if that euer my low fortune's better,  
Ile pay you bounties; till then, rest your debter.

1. Why wilt thou turney for the Lady?

*Per.* Ile shew the vertue I haue borne in Armes.

1. Why di'e take it: and the Gods giue thee good an't.

2. I but harke you (my friend) t'was wee that made  
vp this Garment through the rough seames of the waters:  
there are certaine Condolements, certaine Vailes: I hope  
sir, if you thriue, you'le remember from whence you had  
them.

*Per.* Belleeue't, I will:

By your furtherance I am cloth'd in Steele,  
And spight of all the rupture of the Sea,  
This Jewell holds his building on my arme:  
Vnto thy value I will mount my selfe.

Vpon

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Vpon a Courser, whose delight steps,  
Shall make the Gazar ioy to see him tread;  
Onely (my friend) I yet am vnprouided of a paire of Bases.

2. Wee'le sure prouide, thou shalt haue  
My best Gowne to make thee a paire;  
And Ile bring thee to the Court my selfe.

*Per.* Then honour be but a Goale to my will,  
This day Ile rise, or else adde ill to ill.

*Enter Simonydes with attendants, and Thaisa.*

*King.* Are the Knights ready to begin the Tryumph?

1. *Lord.* They are my Leige, and stay your comming,  
To present themselues.

*King.* Returne them, We are ready, & our daughter heere,  
In honour of whose birth, these Tryumphs are,  
Sits heere like beauties child, whom Nature gat,  
For men to see; and seeing wonder at.

*Thai.* It pleaseth you (my royall father) to expresse  
My commendations great, whose merrit's lesse.

*King.* It's fit it should be so, for Princes are  
A modell which Heauen makes like to it selfe:  
As Iewels loose their glory, if neglected,  
So Princes their Renownes, if not respected:  
T'is now your honour (Daughter) to entertaine  
The labour of each Knight, in his deuice.

*Thai.* Which to preserue my honour Il'e performe.

*The first Knight passes by.*

*King.* Who is the first, that doth preferre himselfe?

*Thai.* A Knight of Sparta (my renowned father)  
And the deuice he beares vpon his Shield,  
Is a blacke Ethyope reaching at the Sunne:  
The word: *Lux tua vita mihi.*

*King.* He loues you well, that holdes his life of you.

*The second Knight.*

Who is the second, that presents himselfe?

*Thai. A*



*Tba.* A Prince of *Macedon* (my royall father)  
And the deuice he beares vpon his Shield,  
Is an Armed Knight, that's conquered by a Lady:  
The Motto thus in Spanish. *Pue Per dolera kee per forsa.*

3. *Knight.* *King.* And with the third?

*Tba.* The third, of *Antioch*; and his deuice,  
A wreath of Chiuallry: the word: *Me Pompey pronexit apex.*

4. *Knight.* *King.* What is the fourth.

*Tba.* A burning Torch that's turned vpside downe;  
The word: *Qui me alit me extinguit.*

*King.* Which shewes that beautie hath his power and wil,  
which can as well inflame, as it can kill.

5. *Knight.* *Tba.* The fift: an Hand enuironed with clouds,  
Holding out Gold, that's by the Touch-stone tryde:  
The Motto thus; *Sic spectanda fides.*

6. *Knight.* *King.* And what's the sixt, and last; the which,  
the Knight himself with such a gracefull courtesie deliuered?

*Tba.* Hee seemes to be a stranger: but his Present is  
A withered Branch that's onely greene at top,  
The Motto: *In hac spe uiuo.*

*King.* A pretty morral; frō the deiected state wherein he is,  
He hopes by you, his fortunes yet may flourish.

1. *Lord.* He had need meane better then his outward shew  
Can any way speake in his iust commend:  
For by his rusty out-side he appeares,  
To haue practis'd more the Whipstocke, then the Lance.

2. *Lord.* He well may be a stranger for he comes  
To an honor'd triumph, strangely furnisht.

3. *Lord.* And on set purpose let his Armour rust  
Vntill this day to scowre it in the dust.

*King.* Opinion's but a foole, that makes vs sear  
The outward habit, by the inward man.  
But stay the Knights are comming,  
We willl with-draw into the Gallerie.

*Great shoutes, and all cry, she means Knight.*

*Enter*

*Pericles Prince of Tyro.*

*Enter the King and Knights from Tilting.*

*King.* Knights, to say you're welcome, were superfluous.  
I place vpon the volume of your deeds,  
As in a Title page; your worth in armes,  
Were more then you expect, or more then's fit,  
Since euery worth in shew commends it selfe:  
Prepare for mirth, for mirth comes a Feast.  
You are Princes, and my guesstes.

*Thais.* But you my Knight and guest,  
To whom this Wreath of victorie I giue,  
And crowne you King of this dayes happinesse.

*Per.* Tis more by Fortune (Lady) then my merit.

*King.* Call it by what you will, the day is your,  
And here (I hope) is none that enuies it:  
In framing an Artift, art hath thus decreed,  
To make some good, but others to exceed,  
And you are her labour'd scholler: come Queene a th'feast,  
For (Daughter) so you are; here take your place:  
Martiall the rest, as they deserue their grace.

*Knights.* We are honour'd much by good *Symonides*.

*King.* Your presence glads our dayes, honour wee loue,  
For who hates honour, hates the Gods aboue.

*Marsh* Sir, yonder is your place.

*Per.* Some other is more fit.

*1. Knight.* Contend not sir, for we are Gentlemen,  
Haue neither in our hearts, nor outward eyes,  
Enuies the great, nor shall the low despise.

*Per.* You are right courtious Knights.

*King.* Sit sir, sit.

By *Ioue* (I wonder) that is King of thoughts,  
These Gates resist me, he not thought vpon.

*Thais.* By *Iuno* (that is Queene of Marriage)  
All Viands that I eate do seeme vnfaurie,  
Withing him my meat: sure hee's a gallant Gentleman.

*King.* Hee's but a countrie Gentleman: ha's done no more  
Then other Knights haue done; ha's broken a staffe.

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Or so; so let it passe.

*Thai* To me he seemes like Diamond, to Glasse.

*Pe.* Yon King's to me, like to my fathers picture,  
Which tels in that glory once he was,  
Had Princes sit like starres about his Throane,  
And he the Sunne for them to reuerence;  
None that beheld him, but like lesser lights,  
Did vaile their Crownes to his supremacie;  
Where now his sonne like a Glo-worme in the night,  
The which hath Fire in darkenesse, none in light:  
Whereby I see that Time's the King of Men,  
Hee's both their Parent, and he is their Graue,  
And giues them what he will, not what they craue.

*King.* What, are you merry, Knights?

*Knights.* Who can be other in this royall presence.

*King.* Heere with a cup that's stur'd vnto the brim,  
As do you loue, fill to your Mistresse lips,  
We drinke this health to you.

*Knights.* We thanke your grace.

*King.* Yet pause awhile; yon Knight doth fit too melan-  
As if the intertainement in our Court, (choly,  
Had not a shew might counteruaile his worth:  
Note it not you, *Thaisa*?

*Thai.* What is't to me my father?

*King.* O, attend my Daughter,  
Princes in this, should liue like Gods aboue,  
Who freely giue to euery one that come to honour them:  
And Princes not doing so, are like to Gnats,  
Which make a sound, but kild; are wondred at:  
Therefore to make his entrance more sweet,  
Heere, say we drinke this standing boule of wine to him.

*Thai.* Alas, my father, it befits not me,  
Vnto a stranger Knight to be so bold,  
He may my proffer take for an offence,  
Since men take womens gifts for impudence.

*King.* How? doe as I bid you, or youle mooue me else.

*Thai.* Now by the Gods, he could not please me better.

*King.*



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*King.* And furthermore tell him, we desire to know of him  
Of whence he is, his name, and Parentage?

*Thai.* The King my father (sir) has drunke to you.

*Per.* I thanke him.

*Thai.* Wishing it so much blood vnto your life.

*Per.* I thanke both him and you, and pledge him freely.

*Thai.* And further, he desires to know of you,  
Of whence you are, your name, and parentage?

*Per.* A Gentleman of *Tyre*, my name *Pericles*,  
My education beene in Arts and Armes.  
Who looking for aduentures in the world,  
Was by the rough seas rest of ships and men,  
And after ship-wracke, driuen vpon this shore.

*Thai.* He thanks your Grace; names himselfe *Pericles*,  
A Gentleman of *Tyre*; who onely by misfortune of the seas,  
Bereft of ships and men, cast on the shore.

*king.* Now by the Gods, I pittie his misfortune,  
And will awake him from his melancholy.  
Come Gentlemen, we sit too long on trifles,  
And waste the time which looks for other reuels?  
Euen in your Armour as you are addrest,  
Will well become a Souldiers daunce:  
I will not haue excuse with saying this,  
Lowd musike is too harsh for Ladyes heads,  
Since they loue men in Armes, as well as beds.

*They daunce.*

So, this was well ask't, t'was so well perform'd.  
Come sir, heer's a Lady that wants breathing too:  
And I haue heard, you Knights of *Tyre*,  
Are excellent in making Ladyes trippe;  
And that their Measures are as excellent.

*Per.* In those that praetize them, they are (my Lord.)

*king.* Oh that's as much, as you would be denyed  
Of your faire courtesie: vnclaspe, vnclaspe.

*They daunce.*

Thankes Gentlemen, to all; all haue done well;  
But you the best: Pages and lights, to conduct

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These Knights vnto their seue. all Lodgings :  
Your sir, we haue giuen order be next our owne.

*Per.* I am at your Graces pleasure.  
Princes, it is too late to talke of Loue,  
And that's the marke I know you leuell at :  
Therefore each one betake him to his rest,  
To morrow all for speeding doe their best.

*Enter Hellicanus and Escanes.*

*Hell.* No *Escanes* know this of mee,  
*Antiochus* from incest liued not free :  
For which the most high Gods not minding,  
Longer to withhold the vengeance that  
They had in store, due to this haynous  
Capitall offence; euen in the height and pride  
Of all his glory, when he was seated in  
A Chariot of an inestimable value, and his daughter  
With him; a fire from heauen came and shrueld  
Vp those bodyes euen to lothing, for they so stounke,  
That all those eyes ador'd them, ere their fall,  
Scorne now their hand should giue them buriall.

*Escanes.* T' was very strange.

*Hell.* And yet but iustice; for though this King were great,  
His greatnesse was no gard to barre heauens shaft.  
By sinne had his reward.

*Escan.* Tis very true.

*Enter two or three Lords.*

1. *Lord.* See, not a man in priuate conference,  
Or counsaile, ha's respect with him but hee.

2. *Lord.* It shall no longer grieue without reproofe.

3. *Lord.* And curst be he that will not second it.

1. *Lord.* Follow me then : Lord *Hellicane*, a word.

*Hell.* With me? and welcome, happy day my Lords.

1. *Lord.* Know that our griefes are risen to the top,  
And now at length they ouer-flow their banks.

*Hell.* Your griefes, for what?

Wrong

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Wrong not your Prince you loue.

1. *Lora* Wrong not your selfe then, noble *Helican*,  
But if the Prince doe liue, let vs salute him,  
Or know what ground's made happie by his breath :  
If in the world he liue, wee'le seeke him out :  
If in his graue he rest, wee'le finde him there,  
And be resolu'd he liues to gouerne vs :  
Or dead, giue's cause to mourne his funerall,  
And leaue vs to our free Election.

2. *Lord*. Whose death in deed, the strongest in our censure,  
And knowing this Kingdome is without a head,  
Like goodly buildings left without a Roofe,  
Soone fall to ruine : your noble selfe,  
That best know how to rule and how to raigne,  
We thus submit vnto our Soueraigne.

*Omnes*. Liue noble *Helican*.

*Hell*. Try honours cause; forbear your suffrages :  
If that you loue Prince *Pericles*, forbear,  
(Take I your wish, I leape into the seas,  
Where's howerly trouble, for a minutes ease)  
A twelue-month longer, let me intreat you  
To forbear the absence of your King;  
If in which time expir'd he not returne,  
I shall with aged patience beare your yoake.  
But if I cannot winne you to this loue,  
Goe search like Nobles, like noble Subiects,  
And in your search, spend your aduenturous worth,  
Whom if you finde, and winne vnto returne,  
You shall like Diamonds sit about his Crowne.

1. *Lord*. To wisdom, hee's a foole that will not yeeld :  
And since Lord *Helican* inioyneth vs,  
We with our trauels will endeavour.

*Hell*. Then you loue vs, we you, & wee'le claspe hands:  
When Peeres thus knit, a Kingdome euer stands.

*Enter the King reading of a letter at one dore,  
the Knights meete him.*

1. *Knight*. Good morrow to the good *Simonides*.



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*King.* Kinghts, from my daughter this I let you know,  
That for this twelue-month, shee'le not vndertake  
A married life : her reason to her selfe is onely knowen,  
Which from her by no meanes can I get.

*2. Knight.* May we not get accesse to her (my Lord?)

*King.* Faith, by no meanes, she hath so strictly  
Tyed her to her chamber, that t'is impossible :  
One twelue Moons more shee'le weare *Dianas* liuery :  
This by the eye of *Cynthia* hath she vowed,  
And on her Virgin honour will not breake it.

*3. Knight.* Loth to bid farewell, we take our leaues. *Exit.*

*King.* So, they are well dispatcht :  
Now to my daughters Letter; shee tels me here,  
Shee'le wed the stranger Knight,  
Or neuer more to view nor day nor light.  
T'is well Mistris, your choyce agrees with mine :  
I like that well : nay how absolute shee's in't,  
Not minding whether I dislike or no.  
Well, I do commend her choyce, and will no longer  
Haue it be delayed : soft heere he comes,  
I must dissemble it.

*Enter Pericles.*

*Per.* All fortune to the good *Simonides*.

*King.* To you as much : Sir, I am beholding to you,  
For your sweet Musicke this last night :  
I do protest, my cares were neuer better fedde  
With such delightfull pleasing harmonic.

*Per.* It is your Graces pleasure to commend,  
Not my desert.

*King.* Sir, you are Musickes maister.

*Per.* The worst of all her Schoollers (my good Lord.)

*King.* Let me aske you one thing :  
What doe you thinke of my daughter sir ?

*Per.* A most virtuous Princesse.

*King.* And shee's faire too, is she not?

*Per.* As a faire day in Sommer : wonderous faire.

*King.*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*King.* Sir, my Daughter thinkes very well of you,  
I so well, that you must be her Maister,  
And she will be your Scholler; therefore looke to it.

*Per.* I am vnworthy for her Schoole-master.

*King.* Shee thinkes not so: peruse this writing else.

*Per.* What's here; a letter, that she loues the knight of Tyre?  
T'is the Kings subtiltie to haue my life:

Oh, seeke not to intrappe me, gracious Lord,  
A stranger, and distressed Gentleman,  
That neuer aymed so hie, to loue your daughter,  
But bent all offices to honour her.

*King.* Thou hast bewitcht my daughter,  
And thou art a Villaine.

*Per.* By the Gods I haue not; neuer did thought  
Of mine leuie offence; nor neuer did my actions  
Yet commence, a deed might gaine her loue,  
Or your displeasure.

*King.* Traytor, thou lyest.

*Per.* Traytor?

*King.* I, traytor.

*Per.* Euen in his throat, vnlesse it be the King,  
That cals me Traytor, I returne the lye.

*King.* Now by the Gods I do applaud his courage.

*Per.* My actions are as noble as my thoughts,  
That neuer relisht of a base discent:

I came vnto your Court for honours cause,

And not to be a Rebelle to her state:

And he that otherwise accountes of mee,

This sword shall prooue, hee's honours enimie.

*King.* No? here comes my daughter, she can witness it.

*Enter Thaisa.*

*Per.* Then as you are as vertuous, as faire,  
Resolue your angry father, if my tongue  
Did ere solícite, or my hand subscribe  
To any fillable that made loue to you?

*Thai.* Why sir, if you had, who takes offence?

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At that, would make me glad?

*King.* Yea Mistris, are you so peremptorie?

I am glad o'nt with all my heart,

Ile tame you; Ile bring you in subiection.

*Aside.*

Will you not, hauing my consent.

Bestow your loue and your affections,

Vpon a Stranger? who for ought I know,

May be (nor can I thinke the contrary)

*Aside.*

As great in blood as I my selfe:

Therefore, heare you Mistresse, either frame

Your will to mine: and you sir, heare you;

Either be rul'd by me, or Ile make you,

Man and wife: nay, come your hands,

And lips must scale it too: and being ioyn'd,

Ile thus your hopes destroy, and for further grieve:

God giue you ioy; what are you both pleased?

*Tha.* Yes, if you loue me sir?

*Per.* Euen as my life my blood that fosters it.

*King.* What are you both agreed?

*Amb.* Yes, if't please your Maiestie.

*King.* It pleaseth me so well, that I will see you wed,

And then with what haste you can, get you to bed. *Exeunt*

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*Enter Gower.*

Now sleepe yslaked hath the rout,

No din but snores about the house,

Made lowder by the ore-fed breast,

Of this most pompous marriage Feast:

The Catte with eyne of burning cole,

Now couthes from the Mouses hole;

And Cricket sing at the Ouens mouth,

Are the blyther for their drouth:

*Hymen* hath brought the Bride to bed,

Where by the losse of mayden-head,

A Babe is moulded: be attent,

And



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

And time that is so briefly spent,  
With your fine fancies quaintly each,  
What's dumbe in shew, I'le plaine with speach.

*Enter Pericles and Simonides at one doore, with attendants, a messenger meetes them, kneeles and giues Pericles a letter, Pericles shewes it Symonides, the Lordes kneele to him, then enter Thayssa with childe, with Lichorida, a nurse, the King shewes her the letter, she reioyces: she and Pericles take leave of her father, and depart.*

By many a dearne and painfull pearch  
Of *Pericles*, the carefull search,  
By the foure opposing Crignes,  
Which the world together ioynes,  
Is made with all due diligence,  
That horse and saile, and hie expence,  
Can steed the quest at last from *Tyre*,  
Fame answering the most strange enquire,  
To'th Court of King *Symonides*,  
Are Letters brought, the tenour these:  
*Antiochus* and his daughter dead,  
The men of *Tyrus*, on the head  
Of *Helicannus* would set on  
The crowne of *Tyre*, but he will none:  
The mutanie, he there hate st to oppress,  
Sayes to'em, if King *Pericles*  
Come not home in twice sixe Moones,  
He obedient to their doomes,  
Will take the Crowne: the summe of this  
Brought hither to *Penapolis*,  
Irany shed the regions round,  
And euery one with claps can sound,  
Our heyre apparant is a King:  
Who dreamt? who thought of such a thing?  
Briefe, he must hence depart to *Tyre*,  
His Queene with child, makes her desire,

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Which who shall crosse along to goe,  
Omit we all their dole and woe:  
*Lychorida* her nurse she takes,  
And so to Sea; then vessel shakes,  
On *Neptunes* billow, halfe the flood,  
Hath their Keele cut: but fortune moov'd  
Varies againe, the grillee North  
Disgorges such a tempest forth,  
That as a Ducke for life that diues,  
So vp and downe the poore Ship driues:  
The Ladie sbreekes, and well-a-neare,  
Do's fall in trauaile with her feare:  
And what ensues in this selfe storme,  
Shall for it selfe, if selfe performe:  
I will relate, action may  
Conueniently the rest conuay;  
Which might not? what by me is told,  
In your imagination hold:  
This Stage, the Ship, vpon whose Decke,  
The Seas tost *Pericles* appears to speake.

*Enter Pericles a Shipboord.*

*Pe.* The God of his great Vast, rebuke these surges,  
Which wash both heauen and hell, and thou that hast  
Vpon the windes commaund, bind them in Braile;  
Hauing call'd them from the deepe, O still  
Thy deafning dreadfull thunders, dayly quench  
Thy nimble sulphurous flashes: O how *Lychorida*!  
How does my Queene? then storme venomously,  
Wilt thou speat all thy selfe? the Seamans Whistle  
Is a whisper in the cares of death,  
Vnheard *Lychoria*? *Lucina*, oh!  
Diddest patrionesse, and my wife gentle  
To those tha crie by night, conuey thy deitie  
Aboard our dauncing Boat, make swift the pangues  
Of my Queenes trauailes? Now *Lychorida*.

*Enter*

*Enter Lychorida.*

*Lychor.* Heere is a thing too young for such a place,  
Who if it had conceit, would die, as I am like to doe:  
Take in your armes this peece of your dead Queene.

*Peri.* How? how *Lychorida?*

*Lycho.* Patience (good sir) do not assist the storme,  
Heer's all that is left liuing of your Queene;  
A litle Daughter: for the sake of it,  
Be manly, and take comfort.

*Per.* O you Gods!

Why do you make vs loue your goodly gifts,  
And snatch them straight away? we heere below,  
Recall not what we giue, and therein may  
Vse honour with you.

*Lycho.* Patience (good sir) euen for this charge.

*Per.* Now mylde may be thy life,  
For a more blusterous birth had neuer Babe:  
Quiet and gentle thy conditions; for  
Thou art the rudelyest welcome to this world,  
That euer was Princes Child: happy what followes,  
Thou hast as chiding a natiuitie,  
As Fire, Ayre, Water, Earth, and Heauen can make,  
To harould thee from the wombe:  
Euen at the first, thy losse is more then can  
Thy portage quit, with all thou canst find heere:  
Now the good Gods throw their best eyes vpon't.

*Enter two Sayers.*

1. *Sayl.* What courage sir? God saue you.

*Per.* Courage enough, I do not feare the flaw,  
It hath done to me the worst: yet for the loue  
Of this poore Infant, this fresh new sea-farer,  
I would it would be quiet.

1. *Sayl.* Slake the bolins there; thou wilt not, wilt thou?  
Blow and split thy selfe.

2. *Sayl.* But Sea-roome, and the brine and cloudy billow  
Kills the Moone, I care not.



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1. Sir, your Queene must ouerboard, the sea workes hie,  
The Wind is lowd, and will not lie till the Ship  
Be cleard of the dead.

*Per.* That's your superstition.

1. Pardon vs, sir; with vs at Sea it hath bin still obserued.  
And we are strong in easterne; therefore briefly yeeld'er;

*Per.* As you thinke meet; for she must ouer board straight  
Most wretched Queene.

*Lychor.* Heere she lyes sir.

*Per.* A terrible Child-bed hast thou had (my deare,  
No light, no fire, the vnfriendly elements  
Forgot thee vtterly, nor haue I time  
To bring thee hallowd to thy graue, but straight  
Must cast thee scarcely Coffind, in oare,  
Where for a monument vpon thy bones,  
The ayre remayning lampes, the belching Whale,  
And humming Water must orewhelme thy corpes,  
Lying with simple shels : O *Lychorida*,  
Bid *Nestor* bring me Spices, Incke, and Paper,  
My Casket, and my Jewels; and bid *Nicanor*  
Bring me the Sattin Coffin: lay the Babe  
Vpon the Pillow; hie thee, whiles I say  
A priestly farewell to her: sodainely, woman.

2. Sir, we heaue a Chest beneth the hatches,  
Caulkt and bittumed ready.

*Per.* I thanke thee: Mariner say, what Coast is this?

2. We are neere *Tharsus*.

*Per.* Thither gentle Mariner,  
Alter thy course for *Tyre*: When canst thou reach it?

2. By breake of day, if the Wind cease.

*Per.* O make for *Tharsus*,  
There will I visit *Cleon*, for the Babe  
Cannot hold out to *Tyrus*; there Ile leave it  
At carefull nursing: goe thy waies good Mariner,  
Ile bring the body presently.

*Exit.*

*Enter*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Enter Lord Cerymon with a servant.*

*Cery. Phylemon, hoc.*

*Enter Phylemon.*

*Phyl. Doth my Lord call?*

*Cery. Get Fire and meate for these poore men,  
Tas beene a turbulent and stormie night.*

*Serv. I haue beene in many; but such a night as this,  
Till now, I neare endured.*

*Cery. Your Maister will be dead ere you returne,  
Ther's nothing can be ministred to nature,  
That can recouer him: giue this to the Pothecary,  
And tell me how it workes.*

*Enter two Gentlemen.*

*1. Gent. Good morrow.*

*2. Gent. Good morrow to your Lordship.*

*Cory. Gentlemen, why doe you stirre so early?*

*1. Gent. Sir, our lodgings standing bleake vpon the sea  
Shooke as the earth did quake:  
The very principals did seeme to rend and all to topple:  
Pure surprize and feare, made me to quite the house.*

*2. Gent. That is the cause we trouble you so early,  
Tis not our husbandry.*

*Cery. O you say well.*

*1. Gent. But I much maruaile that your Lordship  
Hauing rich ture about you, should at these early houres  
Shake off the goldē slumber of repose; tis most strange  
Nature should be so conuersant with paine,  
Being thereto not compelled.*

*Cery. I hold it euer Vertue and Cunning,  
Were endowments greater, then Nobleneisse and Riches;  
Carelesse Heyres, may the two latter darken and expend;  
But Immortalitie attendes the former,  
Making a man a god:*

*Tis knowne, I euer haue studied Physicke:*

*Through which secret Art, by turning ore Authorities,*

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I haue together with my practize, made familiar,  
To me and to my ayde, the blest infusions that dwells  
In Vegetiues, in Mettals, Stones: and can speake of the  
Disturbances that Nature works, and of her cures,  
Which doth giue me a more cōtent in course of true delight  
Then to be thirsty after tottering honour, or  
Tie my pleasure vp in silken Bagges,  
To please the Foole and Death.

2. *Gent.* Your honour h'as through *Ephesus*,  
Poured forth your charitie, and hundreds call themselves  
Your Creatures; who by you, haue beene restored;  
And not your knowledge, your personall paine,  
But euen your Purse still open, hath built Lord *Cerimon*  
Such strong renowne, as time shall neuer.

*Enter two or three with a Chist.*

*Seru.* So, list there.

*Cer.* What's that?

*Ser.* Sir, euen now did the sea tolfe vp vpon our shore  
This Chist; 't is of some wracke.

*Cer.* Set't downe, let's looke vpon't.

2. *Gent.* T'is like a Coffin, sir.

*Cer.* What ere it be, 't is woondrous heauie;  
Wrench it open straight:  
If the Seas stomacke be orecharg'd with Gold,  
T'is a good constraint of Fortune it belches vpon vs.

2. *Gent.* T'is so, my Lord.

*Cer.* How close 't is caulkt & bottomed, did the sea cast it vp?

*Ser.* I neuer saw so huge a billow sir, as tost it vpon shore.

*Cer.* Wrench it open soft; it smells most sweetly in my sense:

2. *Gent.* A delicate Odour.

*Cer.* As euer hit my nostrill: so, vp with it.  
Oh you most potent Gods! what's here, a Corse?

2. *Gent.* Most strange.

*Cer.* Shrowded in Cloth of state, balmed and entreaured  
with full bagges of Spices, a Passport to *Apollo*, perfect me in  
the Characters.

*Heere*



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Here I giue to vnderstand,  
If ere this Coffin driues aland;  
I King Pericles haue lost  
This Queene, worth all our mundaine cost:  
Who finds her giue her burying, --  
She was the daughter of a King:  
Besides, this Treasure for a fee,  
The Gods requite his charitie.*

If thou liuest *Pericles*, thou hast a heart,  
That euer cracks for woe, this chanc'd to night.

2. *Gent.* Most likely sir.

*Cer.* Nay certainly to night for looke how fresh she looks  
They were too rough, they threw her in the Sea.  
Make a Fire within; fetch hither all my Boxes in my Closet,  
Death may vsurpe on Nature many houres, and yet  
The fire of life kindle againe the ore-prest spirits.  
I heard of an *Egyptian* that had nine houres lien dead,  
Who was by good appliance recouered.

*Enter one with Napkins and Fire.*

Well said, well said: the fire and cloathes: the rough and  
Wofull Musick that we haue, cause it to sound beseech you:  
The Violl once more; how thou stirrest thou blocke?  
The Musicke their: I pray you giue her ayre:  
Gentlemen, this Queene will liue,  
Nature awakes a warme breath out of her;  
She hath not beene entraunc'd aboue fiue houres:  
See how she ginnes to blow into lifes flower againe.

1. *Gent.* The Heauens, through you, encrease our wonder,  
And sets vp your fame for euer.

*Cer.* She is aliue, behold her eye-lids,  
Cases to those heauenly iewels which *Pericles* hath lost,  
Begin to part their fringes of bright gold,  
The Diamonds of a most pray sed water doth appeare,  
To make the world twise rich, liue, and make vs weepe.  
To heare your fate, faire creature, rare as you seeme to be.

*She moues.*

*Thai.* O deare *Diana*, where am I? where's my Lord?

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What world is this?

2. *Gent.* Is not this strange?

1. *Gent.* Most rare.

*Cer.* Hush (my gentle neighbour) lend me your hands,  
To the next chamber beare her: get linnen:  
Now this matter must be lookt too, for he relapse  
Is mortall: come, come; and *Esculapine* guide vs.

*They carie her away. Exeunt omnes.*

*Enter Pericles, Atharfus, with Cleon and Dioniza.*

*Per.* Most honor'd *Cleon*, I must needs be gone, my twelue  
moneths are expir'd, and *Tyrus* stands in a litigious peace:  
You and your Lady take from my heart all thankfulnesse,  
The Gods make vp the rest vpon you.

*Cle.* Your shakes of fortune, though they haunt you mor-  
Yet glaunce full wondrously on vs. (tally

*Di.* O your sweet *Queene*! that the strict fates had pleas'd,  
you had brought her hither to haue blest mine eies with her.

*Per.* We cannot but obey the powers aboue vs;  
Could I rage and rore as doth the sea she lies in,  
Yet the end must be as tis: my gentle babe *Marina*,  
Whom, for she was borne at sea, I haue named so,  
Here I charge your charitie withall; leauing her  
The infant of your care, beseeching you to giue her  
Princely training, that she may be maner'd as she is borne.

*Cle.* Feare not (my Lord) but thinke your Grace,  
That fed my Countrie with your Corne; for which,  
The peoples prayers dayly fall vpon you, must in your child  
Be thought on, if neglectiō should therein make me vile,  
The common body by you relieu'd,  
Would force me to my dutie: but if to that,  
My nature need a spurre, the Gods reuenge it  
Vpon me and mine, to the end of generation.

*Per.* I beleeue you, your honour and your goodnesse,  
Teach me too't without your vowe, till she be married.  
Madame, by bright *Diava*, whom we honour,  
All vnstiff'd shall this heire of mine remaine,  
Though I shew will in't; so I take my leaue:  
Good madame, make me blessed in your care  
In bringing vp my Child.

*Cler.* I

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Dion.* I haue one my selfe, who shall not be more deere  
to my respect then yours, my Lord.

*Per.* Madam, my thanks and prayers.

*Cler.* Weel bring your Grace ene to the edge ath shore,  
then giue you vp to the mask'd *Neptune*, and the gentlest  
winds of heauen.

*Per.* I will imbrace your offer, come deereft Madame,  
O no teares *Lichorida*, no teares, looke to your litle Mistris,  
on whose grace you may depend hereafter : come my  
Lord.

*Enter Cerimon, and Tharsa.*

*Cer.* Madam, this Letter, and some certaine Iewels,  
Lay with you in your Coffer, which are at your command:  
Know you the Charecter?

*Thar.* It is my Lords, that I was shipt at sea I wel remem-  
ber, euen on my learning time, but whether there deliue-  
red, by the holie gods I cannot rightly say : but since King  
*Pericles* my wedded Lord, I nere shall see againe, a vastall  
liuerie will I take me to, and neuer more haue ioy.

*Cler.* Madam, if this you purpose as ye speake,  
*Dianaes* Temple is not distant farre,  
Where you may abide till your date expire,  
Moreouer if you please, a Neece of mine,  
Shall there attend you.

*Thar.* My recompence is thanks, that's all,  
Yet my good will is great, though the gift finall. *Exit.*

*Enter Gower.*

Imagine *Pericles* arriude at *Tyre*,  
Welcomd and setled to his owne desire:  
His wofull Queene we leaue at *Ephesus*,  
Vnto *Diana* ther's a Votarisse.

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Now to *Marina* bend your mind,  
Whom our fast growing scene must finde  
At *Tharsus*, and by *Cleon* traind  
In Musicks letters, who hath gaine  
Of education all the grace,  
Which makes hie both the art and place  
Of generall wonder: but alacke  
That monster Enuie oft the wracke  
Of earned praise, *Marinas* life  
Seeke to take off by treasons knife,  
And in this kinde, our *Cleon* hath  
One daughter and a full growne wench,  
Euen ripe for mariage sight: this Maide  
Hight *Phyloten*: and it is said  
For certaine in our storie, she  
Would euer with *Marina* be.  
Beet when they weaude the sleded silke,  
With fingers long, small, white as milke,  
Or when she would with sharpe needle wound,  
The Cambricke which she made more sound  
By hurting it, or when too'th Lute  
She sung, and made the night bed mute,  
That still records with mone, or when  
She would with rich and constant pen,  
Vaile to her Mistresse *Dian* still,  
This *Phyloten* contends in skill  
With absolute *Marina*: so  
The Doue of *Paphos* might with the crow  
Vie feathers white, *Marina* gets  
All pray ses, which are paid as debts,  
And not as giuen, this so darkes  
In *Phyloten* all gracefull markes,  
That *Cleons* wife with Enuie rare,  
A present murderer does prepare  
For good *Marina*, that her daughter

Might

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

Might stand peerlesse by this slaughter.  
The sooner her vile thoughts to stead,  
*Lychorida* our nurse is dead,  
And cutsed *Dioniza* hath  
The pregnant instrument of wrath.  
Prest for this blow, the vnborne euent,  
I doe commend to your content,  
Onely I carried winged Time,  
Post on the lame feete of my rime,  
Which neuer could I so conuey,  
Vnles your thoughts went on my way,  
*Dioniza* doth appeare,  
With *Leonine* a murtherer.      *Exit.*

*Enter Dioniza with Leonine.*

*Dion.* Thy oath remember, thou hast sworne to doo't,  
tis but a blowe which neuer shall bee knowne, thou  
canst not doe a thing in the worlde so soone to yeelde  
thee so much profite: let not conscience which is but  
cold, in flaming thy loue bolome, enflame too nicely,  
nor let pittie which euen women haue cast off, melt thee,  
but be a souldier to thy purpose.

*Leon.* I will doo't, but yet she is a goodly creature.

*Dion.* The fitter then the Gods should haue her.  
Here shee comes weeping for her onely Mistresse death,  
Thou art resolute?

*Leon.* I am resolute.

*Enter Marina with a Basket of flowers.*

*Mar.* No: I will rob *Tellus* of her weede to strowe  
thy greene with Flowers, the yellowes, blewes, the purple  
Violets, and Marigolds, shall as a Carpet hang vpon thy  
graue, while Sommer dayes doth last: Aye me poore maid,

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borne in a tempest, when my mother dide, this world to me  
is a lasting storme, whirring me from my friends.

*Dion.* How now *Marina*, why doe you weepe alone?  
How chaunce my daughter is not with you?  
Doe not consume your blood with sorrowing,  
Haue you a nurse of me? Lord how your fauours  
Changd with this vnprofitable woe:  
Come giue me your flowers, ere the sea marre it,  
Walke with *Leonine*, the ayre is quicke there,  
And it perces and sharpenes the stomacke,  
Come *Leonine* take her by the arme, walke with her.

*Mar.* No I pray you, Ile not bereaue you of your seruāt.

*Dion.* Come, come, I loue the king your father, and your  
selfe, with more then forraine heart, wee euery day expect  
him here, when he shall come and find our Paragon to all  
reports thus blasted.

He will repent the bredth of his great voyage, blame both  
my Lord and me, that wee haue taken no care to your best  
courses, goe I pray you, walke and be chearfull once againe,  
referue that excellent complexion, which did steale the  
eyes of yong and old. Care not for me, I can goe home a-  
lone.

*Mar.* Well, I will goe, but yet I haue no desire too it.

*Dion.* Come, come, I know tis good for you, walke halfe  
an houre *Leonine*, at the least, remember what I haue sed.

*Leon.* I warrant you Madam.

*Dion.* Ile leaue you my sweet Ladie, for a while, pray  
walke softly, doe not heate your bloud, what, I must haue  
care of you.

*Mar.* My thanks sweete Madame, Is the wind Westerlie  
that blowes?

*Leon.* Southwest.

*Mar.* When I was borne the wind was North.

*Leon.* Was so?

*Mar.* My father, as nurse ses, did neuer feare, but cryed  
good



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

good sea-men to the Saylers, galling his kingly hands hal-  
ling ropes, and clasping to the Mast, endured a sea that al-  
most burst the decke.

*Leon.* When was this?

*Mar.* When I was borne, neuer was waues nor winde  
more violent, and from the laddertackle, washes off a can-  
uas clymer, ha ses one, wolt out? and with a dropping in-  
dustrie they skip from sterne to sterne: the Boatswaine  
whistles, and the Master calles and trebles their confusion.

*Leon.* Come say your prayers.

*Mmr.* What meane you?

*Leon.* If you require a little space for prayer, I graunt it,  
pray, but be not tedious, for the Gods are quicke of care,  
and I am sworne to doe my worke with haste.

*Mar.* Why, will you kill me?

*Leon.* To satisfie my Ladie.

*Mar.* Why would shee haue mee kild now? as I can re-  
member by my troth, I neuer did her hurt in all my life, I  
neuer spake bad word, nor did ill turne to any liuing crea-  
ture: Belecue me law, I neuer killd a Mousse, nor hurt a Fly:  
I trode vpon a worme against my will, but I wept fort. How  
haue I offended, wherein my death might yeeld her anie  
profite, or my life imply her any danger?

*Leon.* My Commission is not to reason of the deed, but  
doo't.

*Mar.* You will not doo't for all the world I hope: you  
are well fauoured, and your lookes foreshew you haue a  
gentle heart, I saw you latel when you caught hurt in par-  
ting two that fought: good sooth it shewde well in you, do  
so now, your Lady seekes my life, Come you betweene, and  
saue poore me the weaker.

*Leon.* I am sworne and will dispatch.

*Enter Pirats.*

*Pirat. 1.* Hold villaine.

*Pirat. 2.* A prize, a prize.

*Pirat. 3.* Halfe part mates, halfe part. Come lets haue  
her.

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her aboard suddainly.

*Exit.*

*Enter Leonine.*

*Leon.* These roguing theeves serue the great Pyrate *Valdes*, and they haue seizd *Marina*, let her goe, ther's no hope shee will returne, Ile sweare shees dead, and throwne into the Sea, but Ile see further : perhappes they will but please themselues vpon her, not carrie her aboard, if shee remaine,  
Whom they haue rauisht, must by me be slaine.

*Exit.*

*Enter the three Bawdes.*

*Pander. Boul.*

*Boul.* Sir.

*Pander.* Search the Market narrowly, *Metaline* is full of gallants, wee lost too much money this mart by being too wenchlike.

*Bawd.* wee were neuer so much out of Creatures, wee haue but poore three, and they can doe no more then they can doe, and they with continuall action, are euen as good as rotten.

*Pander.* Therefore lets haue fresh ones what ere we pay for them, if there be not a conscience to bee vsde in euerie trade, we shall neuer prosper.

*Bawd.* Thou saist true: tis not our bringing vp of poore bastards, as I thinke, I haue brought vp some cleuen.

*Boul.* I to cleuen, and brought them downe againe, But shall I search the market?

*Bawd.* What else man? the stuffe we haue, a strong winde will blow it to peeces, they are so pittifully sodden.

*Par.*

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*Pandor.* Thou sayest true, ther's two vnwholesome a conscience, the poore *Transiluanian* is dead that laye with the li tle baggadg.

*Boult.* I, shee quickly poupt him, shee made him roast-meate for wormes, but Ile goe seatch the market.

*Exit.*

*Pand.* Three or foure thousand Chickins were as prettie a proportion to liue quietly, and so giue ouer.

*Bawd.* Why, to giue ouer I pray you? Is it a shame to get when we are olde?

*Pand.* Oh our credite comes not in like the commoditie, nor the commoditie wages not with the daunger: therefore if in our youths we could picke vp some prettie estate, t'were not amisse to keepe our doore hatch't, besides the fore tearmes we stand vpon with the gods, wil be strong with vs for giuing ore.

*Bawd.* Come, other sorts offend as well as we.

*Pand.* As well as we, I, and better too, we offend worse, neither is our profession any trade, It's no calling, but heere comes *Boult.*

*Enter Boult with the Pirates and Marina.*

*Boult.* Come your wayes my maisters, you say shee's a virgin.

*Sayler.* O Sir, we doubt it not.

*Boult.* Master, I haue gone through for this peece you see, if you like her so, if not, I haue lost my carnell.

*Bawd.* *Boult* ha's she anie qualities?

*Boult.* Shee ha's a good face, speakes well, and ha's excellent good cloathes: theres no farther necessitie of qualities can make her be refus'd.

*Bawd.* What's her price, *Boult*?

*Boult.*



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*Boult.* I cannot be bated one doit of a thousand peeces.

*Pand.* Well, follow me my maisters, you shall haue your money presently, wife take her in, instruct her what she has to do, that she may not be rawe in her entertainment.

*Bawd.* *Boult*, take you the markes of her, the colour of her haire, complexion, height, her age, with warrant of her virginitie, and crie; He that will giue most shall haue her first, such a maydenhead were no cheape thing, if men were as they haue beene: get this done as I command you.

*Boult.* Performance shall follow. *Exit.*

*Mar.* Alacke that *Leonne* was so slacke, so slow, he shuld haue strooke, not spoke, or that these Pirates, not enough barbarous, had not oreboord throwne me, for to seeke my mother.

*Bawd.* Why lament you prettie one?

*Mar.* That I am prettie.

*Bawd.* Come, the Gods haue done their part in you.

*Mer.* I accuse them not.

*Bawd.* You are light into my hands, where you are like to liue.

*Mar.* The more my fault, to scape his handes, where I wasto die.

*Bawd.* I, and you shall liue in pleasure.

*Mar.* No.

*Bawd.* Yes indeed shall you, and tast Gentlemen of all fashions, you shall fare well, you shall haue the difference of all complexions, what doe you stop your cares?

*Mer.* Are you a woman?

*Bawd.* What would you haue mee bee, and I bee not a woman?

*Mer.* An honest woman, or not a woman.

*Bawd.* Marie whip the Gosseling, I thinke I shall haue something to doe with you, come you'r a young foolish sapling, and must be bowed as I would haue you.

*Mer.* The Gods defend me.

*Bawd.*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Bawd.* If it please the Gods to defend you by men, then men must comfort you, men must feede you, men stir you vp: *Bowls* returnd. Now sir, hast thou cride her through the Market?

*Bowl.* I haue cryde her almost to the number of her haire, I haue drawne her picture with my voice.

*Bawd.* And I prethee tell me, how dost thou find the inclination of the people, especially of the yonger sort?

*Bowl.* Faith they listened to me, as they would haue harkened to their fathers testament, there was a Spaniards mouth watred, and he went to bed to her verie description.

*Bawd.* We shall haue him here to morrow with his best ruffe on.

*Bowl.* To night, to night, but Mistresse doe you knowe the French knight, that cowres ethe hams?

*Bawd.* Who, *Monsieur Verollus*?

*Bowl.* I, he, he offered to cut a caper at the proclamation, but he made a groane at it, and swore he would see her to morrow.

*Bawd.* Well, well, as for him, he brought his disease hither, here he does but reparaire it, I knowe he will come in our shadow, to scatter his crownes in the Sunne.

*Bowl.* Well, if we had of euerie Nation a trauceller, we should lodge them with this signe.

*Bawd.* Pray you come hither a while, you haue Fortunes comining vpon you, marke me, you must seeme to doe that fearefully, which you commit willingly, despise profite, where you haue most gaine, to weepe that you liue as ye doe, makes pittie in your Louers seldome, but that pittie begets you a good opinion, and that opinion a meere profite.

*Mari.* I vnderstand you not.

*Bowl.* O take her home Mistresse, take her home, these blushes of hers must be quencht with some present practise.

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*Mari.* Thou sayest true yfaith, so they must, for your  
Bride goes to that with shame, which is her way to goe with  
warrant.

*Boulr.* Faith some doe, and some doe not, but Mistresse  
if I haue bargaind for the ioynt.

*Bawd.* Thou maist cut a morsell off the spit.

*Boulr.* I may so.

*Bawd.* Who should denie it?

Come young one, I like the manner of your garments  
well.

*Boulr.* I by my faith, they shall not be changd yet.

*Bawd.* Boulr, spend thou that in the towne: report what  
a sojourner wee haue, youle loose nothing by custome.  
When Nature framde this peece, shee meant thee a good  
turne, therefore say what a parragon she is, and thou hast  
the haruest out of thine owne report.

*Boulr.* I warrant you Mistresse, thunder shall not so a-  
wake the beds of Eccles, as my giuing out her beautie stirs  
vp the lewdly enclined, Ile bring home some to night.

*Bawd.* Come your wayes, follow me.

*Mari.* If fires be hote, knives sharpe, or waters deepe,  
Vntide I still my virgin knot will keepe.

*Diana* ayde my purpose.

*Bawd.* What haue we to doe with *Diana*; pray you will  
you goe with vs.

*Exit.*

*Enter Cleon, and Dioniza.*

*Dion.* Why ere you foolish, can it be vndone?

*Cleon.* O *Dioniza*, such a peece of slaughter,  
The Sunne and Moone nere lookt vpon.

*Dion.* I thinke youle turne a childe agen.

*Ch.*



*Cleon.* Were I chiefe Lord of all this spacious world, I'de giue it to vndoe the deed. O Ladie much lesse in blood then vertue, yet a Princes to equall any single Crowne ath earth-ith Iustice of compare, O villaine, *Leonine* whom thou hast poysoned too, if thou hadst drunke to him tad beene a kindnesse becomming well thy face, what canst thou say, when noble *Pericles* shall demaund his child.

*Dion.* That shee is dead. Nurses are not the fates to foster it, not euer to preserue, shee dide at night, Ile say so, who can crosse it vnlesse you play the impious Innocent, and for an honest attribute, crie out shee dyde by foule play.

*Cle.* O goe too, well, well, of all the faults beneath the heauens, the Gods doe like this worst.

*Dion.* Bee one of those that thinkes the pettie wrens of *Tharsus* will flie hence, and open this to *Pericles*, I do shame to thinke of what a noble straine you are, and of how co-ward a spirit.

*Cle.* To such proceeding who euer but his approbation added, though not his prince consent, he did not flow from honourable courses.

*Dion.* Bee it so then, yet none does knowe but you how shee came dead, nor none can knowe *Leonine* being gone. Shee did disdaine my childe, and stooode betweene her and her fortunes: none woulde looke on her, but cast their gazes on *Marinas* face, whilest ours was blurted at, and helde a Mawkin not worth the time of day. It pierst mee thorow, and though you call my course vn-naturall, you not your childe well louing, yet I finde it greets mee as an enterprize of kindnesse performd to your sole daughter.

*Cle.* Heauens forgiue it.

*Dion.* And as for *Pericles*, what should he say, wee wept after her hearse, & yet we mourne, her monumēt is almost finished, & her epitaphs in glittering goldē character expres

a generall prayse to her, and care in vs, at whose expence tis done.

*Cle.* Thou art like the Harpie,  
Which to betray, doest with thy Angels face ceaze with  
thine Eagles talents.

*Dion.* Yere like one that superstitiously  
Doe sweare too'th Gods, that Winter killes  
The Flies, but yet I know, youle  
doe as I aduise.

*Gower.* Thus time we waste, & long leagues make short,  
Saile seas in Cockles, haue and wish but fort,  
Making to take our imagination,  
From bourne to bourne, region to region,  
By you being pardoned we commit no crime,  
To vse one language, in each seuerall clime,  
Where our scenes seemes to liue,  
I doe beseech you  
To learne of me who stand with gappes  
To teach you.

The stages of our storie *Pericles*  
Is now againe thwarting the wayward seas,  
Attended on by many a Lord and Knight,  
To see his daughter all his liues delight.  
Old *Hellicanus* goes along behind,  
Is left to gouerne it, you beare in minde  
Old *Escenes*, whom *Hellicanus* late  
Aduancde in time to great and hie estate.  
Well sayling ships, and bounteous winds  
Haue brought  
This king to *Tharsus*, thinke this Pilat thought  
So with his sterage, shall your thoughts grone  
To fetch his daughter home, who first is gone  
Like moats and shadowes, see them  
Moue a while.

Your cares vnto your eyes Ile reconcile.

*Enter Pericles at one doore, with all his traine, Cleon and Dioniza at the other. Cleon shewes Pericles the tombe, whereat Pericles makes lamentation, putt on sack-cloth, and in a mightie passion departs.*

*Gower.* See how beleefe may suffer by fowle shewe,  
This borrowed passion stands for true old woe:  
And *Pericles* in sorrowe all deuour'd,  
With sighes shot through, and biggest teares ore-shower'd.  
Leaues *Tharsus*, and againe imbarke, he swears  
Neuer to wash his face, nor cut his haire:  
Hee put on sackcloth, and to Sea he beares,  
A Tempest which his mortall vessel teares.  
And yet he rides it out, Now please you wit:  
The Epitaph is for *Marina* writ, by wicked *Dioniza*,  
The fairest, sweetest, and best lies heere,  
Who withered in her spring of yeare:  
She was of *Tyrus* the Kings daughter,  
On whom fowle death hath made this slaughter:  
*Marina* was she call'd, and at her birth,  
That is being proud; swallowed some part with earth:  
Therefore the earth fearing to be ore-floud,  
Hath *Thetis* birth-child on the heauens best owed,  
Wherefore she does and swears sheele neuer stint,  
Make raging *Battre* upon shores of flint.  
No vizor does become blacke villainie,  
So well as soft and tender flatterie:  
Let *Pericles* belecue his daughter's dead,  
And beare his courtes to be ordered;  
By *Ladie Fortune*, while our streame must play,  
His daughter woe and heauie wel-aday.  
In her vnholly seruice: Patience then,  
And thinke you now are all in *Metaline*.

*Exit.*

*Enter two Gentlemen.*

1. *Gent.* Did you euer heare the like?

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2. *Gent.*



2. *Gent.* No, nor neuer shall doe in such a place as this, shee being once gone.

1. But to haue diuinitie preach't there, did you euer dreame of such a thing?

2. No, no, come, I am for no more bawdie houses, shall's goe heare the Vestals sing?

1. He doe any thing now that is vertuous, but I am out of the road of rutting for euer. *Exit.*

*Enter Bawdes 3.*

*Pand.* Well, I had rather then twice the worth of her, shee had nere come heere.

*Bawd.* Fie, fie vpon her, shee's able to freze the god *Priapus*, and vndoe a whole generation, we must either get her rauished, or be rid of her, when she should doe for Cly-ents her fitment, and doe mee the kindenesse of our profession, she has me her quirks, her reasons, her maisters reasons, her prayers, her knees, that shee would make a *Puritaine* of the diuell, if hee should cheapen a kisse of her.

*Boult.* Faith I must rauish her, or shee'le disfurnish vs of all our Caualeres, and make our swearers Priests.

*Pand.* Now the poxe vpon her greene sicknesse for me.

*Bawd.* Faith ther's no way to be ridde on't but by the way to the pox. Here comes the Lord *Lyfimachus* disguised.

*Boult.* Wee shoulde haue both Lord and Lowne, if the pecuifish baggage would but giue way to customers.

*Enter Lyfimachus.*

*Lyf.* How now, how a douzen of virginities?

*Bawd.* Now the Gods to blesse your Honour.

*Boult.* I am glad to see your Honour in good health.

*Lyf.* You may, so t'is the better for you, that your resorters stand vpon sound legges, how now? wholesome iniquitie haue you, that a man may deale withall, and defie the Surgion?

*Bawd.* Wee haue heere one Sir, if shee would, but there

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there neuer came her like in *Meteline*. (say

*Li.* if shee'd doe the deedes of darknes thou wouldst

*Bawd.* Your Honor knows what t'is to say well enough.

*Li.* Well, call foorth, call forth.

*Boult.* For flesh and bloud Sir, white and red, you shall see a rose, and she were a rose indeed, if she had but.

*Li.* What prithi?

*Boult.* O Sir, I can be modest.

*Li.* That dignities the renowne of a Bawde, no lesse then it giues a good report to a number to be chaste.

*Bawd.* Heere comes that which growes to the stalke, Neuer pluckt yet I can assure you.

Is she not a faire creature?

*Li.* Faith she would serue after a long voyage at Sea, Well theres for you, leaue vs.

*Bawd.* I beseech your Honor giue me leaue a word, And Ile haue done presently.

*Li.* I beseech you doe.

*Bawd.* First, I would haue you note, this is an Honorable man. (note him.

*Mar.* I desire to finde him so, that I may wortheilie

*Bawd.* Next hees the Gouvernor of this countrey, and a man whom I am bound too.

*Mar.* if he gouerne the countrey you are bound to him indeed, but how honorable he is in that, I knowe not.

*Bawd.* Pray you without any more virginall fencing, will you vse him kindly? he will line your apron with gold.

*Mar.* What hee will doe gratiouly, I will thankfully receiue.

*Li.* Ha you done?

*Bawd.* My Lord shees not pac'te yet, you must take some paines to worke her to your mannage, come we will leaue his Honor, and her together, goe thy waies. (trade?

*Li.* Now prittie one, how long haue you beene at this

*Mar.* What trade Sir?

*Li.* Why

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*Li.* Why, I cannot name but I shall offend. (name it.)

*Mar.* I cannot be offended with my trade, please you to

*Li.* How long haue you bene of this profession?

*Mar.* Ere since I can remember.

*Li.* Did you goe too't so young, were you a gamester at  
fue, or at scuen?

*Mar.* Earlyer too Sir, if now I be one.

*Li.* Why? the house you dwell in proclaimes you to be a  
Creature of sale.

*Mar.* Doe you knowe this house to be a place of such  
resort, and will come intoo't? I heare say you'r of honoura-  
ble parts, and are the Gouvernour of this place.

*Li.* Why, hath your principall made knowne vnto you  
who I am?

*Mar.* Who is my principall?

*Li.* Why, your hearbe-woman, she that sets seedes and  
rootes of shame and iniquitie.

O you haue heard something of my power, and so  
stand aloft for more serious wooing, but I protest to thee  
prettie one, my authoritie shall not see thee, or else looke  
friendly vpon thee, come bring me to some priuate place:  
Come, come.

*Mar.* If you were borne to honour, shew it now, if put  
vpon you, make the iudgement good, that thought you  
worthie of it.

*Li.* How's this? how's this? some more, be sage.

*Mar.* For me that am a maide, though most vngentle  
Fortune haue plac't me in this Stie, where since I came,  
diseases haue beene solde deerer then Phisicke, that the  
gods would set me free from this vnhalowed place, though  
they did chaunge me to the meanest byrd that flies i'th  
purer ayre.

*Li.* I did not thinke thou couldst haue spoke so well,  
nere drempt't, thou could'st, had I brought hither a corrup-  
ted minde, thy speeche had altered it, holde, heeres  
golde,



golde for thee, persecuer in that cleare way thou goest and the gods strengthen thee.

*Mar.* The good Gods preferue you.

*Li.* For me be you thoughten, that I came with no ill intent, for to me the very dores and windows saue vilely, fare thee well, thou art a peece of vertue, & I doubt not but thy training hath bene noble, hold, heeres more golde for thee, a curse vpo him, die he like a theefe that robs thee of thy goodnes, if thou doest heare from me it shalbe for thy good.

*Boult.* I beseech your Honor one peece for me.

*Li.* Auaunt thou damned dore-keeper, your house but for this virgin that doeth prop it, would sincke and ouerwhelme you. Away.

*Boult.* How's this? we must take another course with you? if your peeuish chastitie, which is not worth a breakefast in the cheapest countrey vnder the coap, shall vndoe a whole household, let me be gelded like a spaniel, come your

*Mar.* Whither would you haue me? (wayes.

*Boult.* I must haue your mayden-head taken off, or the comon lāgman shal execute it, come your way, wee le haue no more Gentlemen driuen away, come your wayes I say.

*Enter Bawdes.*

*Bawd.* How now, whats the matter?

*Boult.* Worse and worse mistris, she has heere spoken holy words to the Lord *Lyfmachus*.

*Bawd.* O abhominable.

*Boult.* He makes our profession as it were to stincke afore the face of the gods.

*Bawd.* Marie hang her vp for euer.

*Boult.* The Noble man would haue dealt with her like a Noble man, and she sent him away as colde as a Snowe-ball, saying his prayers too.

*Bawd.* *Boult* take her away, vse her at thy pleasure, crack the glasse of her virginitic, and make the rest maliable.

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*Boul.* And if she were a thornyer peece of ground then she is, she shall be plowed.

*Mar.* Harke, harke you Gods.

*Bawd.* She coniures away with her, would she had neuer come within my doores, Marrie hang you: shees borne to vndoe vs, will you not goe the way of women-kinde? Marrie come vp my dish of chastitie with rosemarie and baies.

*Boul.* Come mistris, come your way with me.

*Mar.* Whither wilt thou haue me?

*Boul.* To take from you the Iewell you hold so deere.

*Mar.* Prithee tell me one thing first.

*Boul.* Come now your one thing.

*Mar.* What canst thou wish thine enemy to be.

*Boul.* Why, I could wish him to be my master, or rather my mistris.

*Mar.* Neither of these are so bad as thou art, since they doe better thee in their command, thou hold'st a place for which the painedst feend of hell would not in reputation change: Thou art the damned doore-keeper to euery customer that comes enquiring for his Tib. To the cholerike fisting of euery rogue, thy care is lyable, thy foode is such as hath beene belch't on by infected lungs.

*B.* What wold you haue me do? go to the wars, wold you? where a m m̄ay serue 7. yeers for the losse of a leg, & haue not money enough in the end to buy him a wooden one?

*Mar.* Doe any thing but this thou doest, emptie olde receptacles, or common-shores of filth, serue by indenture, to the common hang-man, any of these wayes are yet better then this: for what thou professest, a Baboone could he speake, would owne a name too deere, that the gods would safely deliuer me from this place: here, heers gold for thee, if that thy master would gaine by me, proclaime that I can sing, weaue, sow, & dance, with other vertues, which Ile keep from boast, and will vndertake all these to teach. I doubt not but this populous Cittie will yelde many schollers.

*Boul.*

*Pericles Prince of Tyra.*

*Boul.* But can you teach all this you speake of?

*Mar.* Prooue that I cannot, take mee home againe,  
And prostitute me to the basest groomme that doeth frequent your house.

*Boul.* Well, I will see what I can doe for thee: if I can place thee I will.

*Mar.* But amongst honest woman.

*Boul.* Faith my acquaintance lies little among them,  
But since my maister and mistris hath bought you, there's no going but by their consent: therefore I will make them acquainted with your purpose, and I doubt not but I shall find them tractable enough. Come Ile doe for thee what I can, come your wayes.

*Exeunt.*

*Enter Gower.*

*Marina* thus the brothell scapes, and chaunces  
Into an *Honest-house*, our storie sayes:

She sings like one immortall, and shee daunces  
As Goddesse-like to her admired layes

Deepe clearks shee dumb's & with her neele composes,  
Natures owne shape, of bud, bird, branch, or berry.

That euen her art sisters the naturall Roses!

Her Inckle, Silke, Twine, with the rubied Cherry,

That puples lackes shee none of noble race,

Who powre their bountie on her: and her gaine

Shee giues the cursed Bawd, here we her place,

And to her Father turne our thoughts againe,

Where we left him on the Sea, we there him left,

Where driuen before the winds, he is arriu'de

Here where his daughter dwels, and on this coast,

Suppose him now at *Anchor*: the Citie striu'de

God *Neptune* *Annua*ll feast to keepe, from whence

*Lyfimachus* our *Tyrian* ship espies,

His banners Sable, trim'd with rich expence,

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And to him in his Barge with seruor hyes,  
In your supposing once more put your sight,  
Of heauie *Pericles*, thinke this his Barke:  
Where what is done in action, more if might  
Shall be discouered, please you sit and harke. *Exit.*

*Enter Helicanus, to him 2. Saylers.*

1. *Say.* Where is Lord *Helicanus*? hee can resolue you,  
O here he is sir, there is a barge put off from *Metelina*, and  
in it is *Lysimachus* the Gouvernour, who craues to come a-  
boord, what is your will?

*Yell.* That he haue his, call vp some Gentlemen.

2. *Say.* Ho Gentlemen, my Lord calls.

*Enter two or three Gentlemen.*

1. *Gent.* Doth your Lordship call?

*Hell.* Gentlemen, there is some of worth would come  
aboord, I pray greet him fairely.

*Enter Lysimachus.*

1. *Say.* Sir, this is the man that can in ought you would  
resolue you.

*Lys.* Haile reuerent Sir, the Gods preserue you.

*Hel.* And you to out-live the age I am, and die as I  
would doe,

*Lys.* You wish mee well, beeing on shore, honoring of  
*Neptunes* triumphs, seeing this goodly vessell ride before  
vs, I made to it, to know of whence you are.

*Hell.* First, what is your place?

*Ly.* I am the Gouvernour of this place you lie before.

*Hell.* Sir, our vessell is of *Tyre*, in it the King, a man,  
who for this three moneths hath not spoken to anie one,  
nor taken sustenance, but to prorogue his griefe.

*Ly.* Vpon what ground is this distemperature?

*Hell.* Twould bee too tedious to repeat, but the mayne  
griefe springs frō the losse of a beloued daughter, & a wife.

*Ly.* May we not see him?

*Hell.*

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Hell.* You may, but bootlesse. Is your sight, hee will not speake to any, yet let me obtaine my wish.

*Ly.* Behold him, this was a goodly person.

*Hell.* Till the disaster that one mortall wight droue him to this.

*Ly.* Sir King all haile, the Gods preferue you, haile royall sir.

*Hell.* It is in vaine, he will not speake to you.

*Lord.* Sir, we haue a maid in *Metaline*, I durst wager would win some words of him.

*Ly.* Tis well bethought, she questionlesse with her sweet harmonic, and other chosen attractions, would allure and make a battrie through his defended parts, which now are midway stopt, shee is all happie as the fairest of all, and her fellow maides, now vpon the leaue shelter that abutts against the Islands side.

*Hell.* Sure all effectlesse, yet nothing weele omit that beares recoueries name. But since your kindnesse we haue stretcht thus farre, let vs beseech you, that for our golde we may prouision haue, wherein wee are not destitute for want, but wearie for the stalenesse,

*Ly.* O sir, a curtesie, which if we should denie, the most iust God for euerie grasse would send a Caterpillar, and so inflict our Prouince: yet once more let mee intreate to know at large the cause of your Kings sorrow.

*Hell.* Sit sir, I will recount it to you, but see I am preuented.

*Ly.* O heer's the Ladie that I sent for,  
Welcome faire one, ist not a goodly present?

*Hell.* Shee's a gallant Ladie.

*Ly.* Shee's such a one, that were I well assurde  
Came of a gentle kind, and noble stock, I do wish  
No better choyse, and thinke me rarely to wed,  
Faire on all goodnesse that consists in beautie,  
Expect euen here, where is a kingly patient,

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If that thy prosperous and artificiall fate,  
Can draw him but to answer thee in ought,  
Thy sacred Physicke shall receiue such pay,  
As thy desires can wish.

*Mar.* Sir I will vse my vtmost skill in his recouerie, provided that none but I and my companion maid be suffered to come neere him.

*Lyf.* Come, let vs leaue her, and the Gods make her prosperous.

*The Song.*

*Ly.* Marke he your Musicke?

*Mar.* No nor lookt on vs.

*Lyf.* See she will speake to him.

*Ma.* Haile sir, my Lord lend care.

*Per.* Hum, ha.

*Mar.* I am a maid, my Lord; that nere before inuited eyes, but haue beene gazed on like a Comet: She speakes my Lord, that may be, hath endured a griefe might equall yours, if both were iustly wayde, though wayward fortune did maligne my state, my deriuation was from auncestors, who stood equiuolent with mightie Kings, but time hath rooted out my parentage, and to the world, and aukwarde casualties, bound me in seruitude, I will desist, but there is something gloues vpon my cheeke, and whispers in mine eare, go not till he speake.

*Per.* My fortunes, parentage, good parentage, to equall mine, was it not thus, what say you?

*Mar.* I sed, my Lord, if you did know my parentage, you would not doe me violence.

*Per.* I do thinke so, pray you turne your eyes vpon me, your like something that, what Countrey women heare of these shewes?

*Mar.* No, nor of any shewes, yet I was mortally brought forth, and am no other then I appeare.

*Per.* I am great with women and shall deliuer weeping: my dearest wife was like this maid, and such a one my daughter

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ter might haue beene: My Queenes square browes, her stature to an inch, as wandlike-straight, as siluer voyst, her eyes as Iewell-like, and cast as richly, in pace an other  
*Inno.* Who starues the eares she feedes, and makes them hungrie, the more she giues them speech, Where doe you liue?

*Mar.* Where I am but a straunger from the decke, you may discerne the place.

*Per.* Where were you bred? and howatchieu'd you these indowments which you make more rich to owe?

*Mar.* If I should tell my hystorie, it would seeme like lies disdaind in the reporting.

*Per.* Prethee speake, falsnesse cannot come from thee, for thou lookest modest as iustice, & thou seemest a *Pallas* for the crownd truth to dwell in, I wil beleue thee & make senses credit thy relation, to points that seeme impossible, for thou lookest like one I loued indeede: what were thy friends? didst thou not stay when I did push thee backe, which was when I percei'd thee that thou camst from good discending.

*Mar.* So indeed I did.

*Per.* Report thy parentage, I think thou saidst thou hadst beene tost from wrong to iniurie, and that thou thoughts thy griefs might equall mine, if both were opened.

*Mar.* Some such thing I fed, and fed no more, but what my thoughts did warrant me was likely.

*Per.* Tell thy storie, if thine considered proue the thousand part of my enduraunce, thou art a man, and I haue suffered like a girle, yet thou doest looke like patience, gazing on Kings graues, and smiling extremitie out of a face, what were thy friends? howe lost thou thy name, my most kinde Virgin? recount I doe beseech thee, Come sit by me.

*Mar.* My name is *Marina*.

*Per.* Oh I am mockt, and thou by some insenced God sent hither to make the world to laugh at me.

*Mar.* Patience

*Mar.* Patience good sir: or here Ile cease.

*Per.* Nay Ile be patient: thou little knowst how thou doest startle me to call thy selfe *Marina*.

*Mar.* The name was giuen me by one that had some power, my father, and a King.

*Per.* How, a Kings daughter, and cald *Marina*?

*Mar.* You secd you would belecue me, but not to be a troubler of your peace, I will end here.

*Per.* But are you flesh and bloud?

Haue you a working pulse, and are no Fairie?

Motion well, speake on, where were you borne?

And wherefore calld *Marina*?

*Mar.* Calld *Marina*, for I was borne at sea.

*Per.* At sea, what mother?

*Mar.* My mother was the daughter of a King, who died the minute I was borne, as my good Nurse *Licherida* hath oft deliuered weeping.

*Per.* O stop there a little, this is the rarest dreame That ere duld sleepe did mocke sad fooles with all, This cannot be my daughter, buried, well, where were you bred? Ile heare you more too'th bottome of your storie, and neuer interrupt you.

*Mar.* You scorne, belecue me t'were best I did giue ore.

*Per.* I will belecue you by the syllable of what you shall deliuer, yet giue me leaue, how came you in these parts? where were you bred?

*Mar.* The King my father did in *Tharsus* leaue me, Till cruell *Cleon* with his wicked wife, Did seeke to murder me: and hauing wooed a villaine, To attempt it, who hauing drawne to doo't, A crew of Pirats came and rescued me, Brought me to *Metaline*,

But good sir whither will you haue me? why doe you weep? It may be you thinke me an imposture, no good faith. I am the daughter to king *Pericles*, if good king *Pericles* be.

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*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Hell.* Hoe, *Hellicanus*?

*Hel.* Calls my Lord?

*Per.* Thou art a graue and noble Counseller,  
Most wise in generall, tell me if thou canst, what this maide  
is, or what is like to bee, that thus hath made me weepe?

*Hel.* I know not, but heres the Regent sir of *Mataline*,  
speakes nobly of her.

*Lys.* She neuer would tell her parentage,  
Being demaunded, that she would sit still and weepe.

*Per.* Oh *Hellicanus*, strike mee honored sir, giue mee a  
gash, put me to present paine, least this great sea of ioyes ru-  
shing vpon me, ore-bear the shores of my mortalitie, and  
drowne me with their sweetnesse: Oh come hither,  
Thou that begetst him that did thee beget,  
Thou that wast borne at sea, buried at *Tharsus*,  
And found at sea agen, O *Hellicanus*,  
Downe on thy knees, thanke the holie Gods as loud  
As thunder threatens vs, this is *Marina*.

What was thy mothers name? tell me, but  
For truth can neuer be confirm'd inough,  
Though doubts did euer sleepe.

*Mar.* First sir, I pray what is your title?

*Per.* I am *Pericles* of *Tyre*, but tell me now my  
Drownd Queenes name, as in the rest you said,  
Thou hast beene God-like perfit, the heir of kingdomes,  
And an other like to *Pericles* thy father.

*Mar.* Is it no more to be your daughter, then to say, my  
mothers name was *Thaisa*, *Thaisa* was my mother, who did  
end the minute I began.

*Per.* Now blessing on thee, rise th'art my child.  
Giue me fresh garments, mine owne *Hellicanus*, shee is not  
dead at *Tharsus* as shee should haue beene by savage *Cleon*,  
she shall tell thee all, when thou shalt kneele, and iustifie in  
knowledge, she is thy very Princes, who is this?

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*Hel.* Sir,



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*Hel.* Sir, tis the gouernour of *Metaline*, who hearing of your melancholie state, did come to see you.

*Per.* I embrace you, giue me my robes.  
I am wilde in my beholding, O heauens bleffe my girle,  
But harke what Musicke tell, *Helicanus*, my *Marina*,  
Tell him ore point by point, for yet he seemes to doat,  
How sure you are my daughter, but what musicke?

*Hel.* My Lord I heare none.

*Per.* None, the Musicke of the *Spheres*, list my *Marina*.

*Lys.* It is not good to crosse him, giue him way.

*Per.* Rarest sounds, do ye not heare?

*Lys.* Musicke my Lord? I heare.

*Per.* Most heauenly Musicke

It nips me vnto listning, and thicke slumber  
Hangs vpon mine eyes, let me rest.

*Lys.* A Pillow for his head, so leaue him all.  
Well my companion friends, if this but answere to my iust  
beliefe, I le well remember you.

*Diana.*

*Dia.* My Temple stands in *Ephesus*,  
Hie thee thither, and do vpon mine Altar sacrifice, There  
when my maiden priests are met together before the peo-  
ple all, reueale how thou at sea didst loose thy wife, to  
mourne thy crosses with thy daughters call, & giue them  
repetition to the like, or performe my bidding, or thou li-  
uest in woe: doo't, and happie, by my siluer bow, awake and  
tell thy dreame.

*Per.* Celestiall *Dian*, Goddesse *Argentine*,  
I will obey thee *Helicanus*.

*Hel.* Sir.

*Per.* My purpose was for *Tharsus*, there to strike,  
The inhospitable *Cleon*, but I am for other seruice first,  
Toward *Ephesus* turne our blowne fayles,  
Eftsoones Ile tell thee why, shal we refresh vs sir vpon your  
shore, and giue you golde for such prouision as our intents  
will neede.

*Lys.* Sir,

*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

*Lys.* Sit, with all my heart, and when you come a shore,  
I haue another sleight.

*Per.* You shall preuaile were it to wooe my daughter, for  
it seemes you haue beene noble towards her.

*Lys.* Sir, lend me your arme.

*Per.* Come my *Marina*.

*Exeunt.*

*Gower.* Now our lands are almost run,  
More a little, and then dum.  
This my last boone giue mee,  
For such kindnesse must relieue mee:  
That you aptly will suppose,  
What pageantry, what feates, what shewes,  
What minstrelsie, what prettie din,  
The Regent made in *Metalin*.  
To greet the King, so he thrined,  
That he is promised to be wiued  
To faire *Marina*, but in no wise,  
Till he had done his sacrifice.  
As *Dian* bad, whereto being bound,  
The *Interim* pray, you al confound.  
In fetherd briefenes sayles are fild,  
And wishes fall out as thei'r wild.  
At *Ephesus* the Temple see,  
Our King and all his companie.  
That he can hither come so soone,  
Is by your fancies thankfull doome.

*Per.* Haile *Dian*, to performe thy iust commaund,  
I here confesse my selfe the King of *Tyre*,  
Who frighted from my Country did wed at *Pentapolis*, the  
faire *Thaisa*, at sea in childbed died she, but brought forth a  
Maid child calld *Marina*, whom O Goddesse wears yet thy  
siluer liucrey, she at *Tharsus* was nurst with *Cleon*, who at  
fourteene yeares he sought to murder, but her better stars  
brought

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brought her to *Meteline*, gainst whose shore riding, her Fortunes brought the mayde aboard vs, where by her owne most cleare remembrance, she made knowne her selfe my daughter.

*Th.* Voyce and fauour, you are, you are, O royall *Pericles*.

*Per.* What meanes the muni? shee dies, helpe Gentlemen.

*Ceri.* Noble sir, if you haue tolde *Dianaes* Altar true, this is your wife?

*Per.* Reuerend apperer no, I threw her ouer-boord with these verie armes.

*Ce.* Vpon this coast, I warrant you.

*Pe.* Tis most certaine.

*Ge.* Looke to the Ladie, O shee's but ouer-ioyde, Early in blustering morne this Ladie was throwne vpon this shore.

I op't the coffin, found therē rich Iewells, recovered her, and plac'd her here in *Dianaes* temple.

*Per.* May we see them?

*Cer.* Great Sir, they shalbe brought you to my house, whither I inuite you, looke *Thaisa* is recovered.

*Th.* O let me looke if hee be none of mine, my fantastie will to my sense bende no licencious care, but curbe it spight of seeing: O my Lord are you not *Pericles*? like him you speak, like him you are, did you not name a tempest, a birth, and death?

*Pe.* The voyce of dead *Thaisa*.

*Th.* That *Thaisa* am I, supposed dead and drown'd.

*Pe.* I mortall *Dian*.

*Th.* Now I know you better, when wee with teares parted *Pentapolis*, the King my father gaue you such a ring.

*Pe.* This, this, no more, you gods, your present kinde-  
nesse makes my past miseries sports, you shall doe well that  
on the touching of her lips I may melt, and no more bee  
scene,



*Pericles Prince of Tyre.*

scene, O come, be buried a second time within these armes.

*Ma.* My heart leapes to be gone into my mothers bosome.

*Per.* Looke who kneeles here, flesh of thy flesh *Thaisa*, thy burden at the Sea, and call'd *Marina*, for she was yeelded there.

*Th.* Blest, and mine owne.

*Hell.* Hayle Madame, and my Queene.

*Th.* I knowe you not.

*Hell.* You haue heard mee say when I did flie from *Tyre*, I left behind an ancient substitute, can you remember what I call'd the man, I haue nam'd him oft.

*Th.* 'Twas *Hellicanus* then.

*Per.* Still confirmation, imbrace him deere *Thaisa*, this is hee, now doe I long to heare how you were found? how possiblie preserued? and who to thanke (besides the gods) for this great myracle?

*Th.* Lord *Cerimon*, my Lord, this man through whom the Gods haue shewne their power, that can from first to last resolute you.

*Pe.* Reuerent Sir, the gods can haue no mortall officer more like a god then you, will you deliuer how this dead Queene reliues?

*Cer.* I will my Lord, beseech you first, goe with mee to my house, where shall be shewne you all was found with her. How shee came plac'd heere in the Temple, no needfull thing omitted.

*Per.* Pure *Dian* blesse thee for thy vision, and will offer night oblations to thee *Thaisa*, this Prince, the faire betrothed of your daughter, shall marrie her at *Pentapolis*, and now this ornament makes mee looke dismall, will I clip to forme, and what this fourteene yeeres no razer touch't, to grace thy marriage-day, Ile beautifie.

*Th.* Lord *Cerimon* hath letters of good credit. Sir, my fathers dead.

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*Per.* Heauen

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